

USIHC Board of Directors Meeting
July 24th, 2007

Regional Club Observers: David Kline, Dawn Shaw, Judy Strehler, Annette Coulon

Members present: Laura Benson, Caryn Cantella, Anne Elwell, Ed Hilgaertner, Barb Riva, Katrin Sheehan, Sandie Weaver, Bernie Willis

Secretary's Report (Barb Riva): The minutes from the June Board Meeting are pending per Board approval.

Registrar's Report (Caryn Cantella):

Account balance as of 6/30/07 is \$70,834.07.

Worldfengur: Over the last month I have been able to enter 35 horses into worldfengur from our original foundation horses. There are 28 left. One from Denmark, three from Germany and three from Canada. The rest are offspring of these 7 horses. If I am able to get all seven into Worldfengur then all of the US domestic bred registered horses currently in our data base will finally be entered into Worldfengur.

Mike Edwards who is the chair of the FEIF registration group sent the following email to both Katrin and I. We both decided that Asta would be the best person to join this group. The group has only 5 members from around the world. Asta had her first meeting today and said it went very well. They meet for one hour a month.

Hello Caryn and Katrin

I would like to invite one of you to become a member of the FEIF Registration Group. The Group sets the rules and guidelines on all aspects of registration such as pedigree requirements, country of birth, name, farm and arbitrates in any dispute. We also check that our rules comply with all international and national legislation.

I am inviting a rep from USA because I want FEIF to have a more global view and not be entirely centered on Iceland and the EU. We need to make sure that everything fits USA, Canada, Australia etc.

We talk a lot on email and "meet" via the Skype free tel-conference system. This can be downloaded onto your PC for free and then all you need is a USB headset. The meeting are on the first Tuesday of each month and are timed to fit Europe, around 2000GMT which would be during your afternoon time, I guess.

Please have a think and let me know any questions or thoughts.
My best regards to you both. Mike

Treasurer's Report (Ed Hilgaertner):

June beginning balance: \$15,386.48

June ending balance: \$14,790.62

Breeding Committee Report (Katrin Sheehan):

The breeding committee voted on adoption of the breeding judge education as sent to the board. 15 members voted yes. Two cases with measuring tools have been completed to be available for

evaluations here in the U.S. Once case is complete with two chip readers and micro chips. The other one only contains the measuring tools. Katrin asked what the procedure is for sending and keeping the original application and scoring forms for Evaluations. It was decided that all original papers should go to the Registrar and the Breeding Committee Leader should keep copies.

Competition Committee Report (Katrin Sheehan):

ITEM #1

REIMBURSEMENTS FOR SHOWS

- A. WHERE DOES THE REIMBURSEMENT FOR GUDMAR STAND? I KNOW THE BOARD WAS DISCUSSING THIS ITEM AND I AM AWAITING AN UPDATE. \$913.12 + \$150 FOR MEALS = **\$1063.12**
- B. REIMBURSEMENT FOR AIRLINE TICKET FOR SANTA YNEZ, CA SHOW FROM MAY FOR ASTA COVERT **\$1213.75**
- C. REIMBURSEMENT FOR DEL MAR , CA SHOW FROM JUNE FOR KIMBERLY HART **\$1566.00**
- D. I HAVE SPOKEN WITH THE SHOW ORGANIZER OF THE SEPTEMBER SHOW IN BURBANK, CA IT IS IN JEOPARDY IF KIMBERLY'S REIMBURSEMENT IS NOT MADE SOON. SHE WILL NOT FRONT THE MONEY FOR THIS SHOW UNTIL SHE RECEIVES REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE LAST!

ITEM #2

NATIONAL RANKING

- A. ALL TROPHIES HAVE SPONSORS (ALL CHECKS HAVE NOT ARRIVED YET) AND WE HAVE HAD NOTHING BUT POSITIVE FEEDBACK ABOUT THE NEW PROGRAM.
- B. DAVID WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO RECONSIDER THE ISSUE OF PERMISSION BY ALL RIDERS. HIS POINT IS THAT ALL SCORES ARE PUBLIC NOW ON THE USIHC WEBSITE AND SO NOTHING WOULD CHANGE.
- C. HIGH POINT COMMITTEE IS DISCUSSING WHETHER OR NOT TO INCLUDE 2006 SCORES SO THAT WE HAVE WINNERS FOR THIS YEAR END.

ITEM #3

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- A. 6 RIDERS WILL BE GOING TO THE WC. ALL WOMEN AND THEY ARE ASTA COVERT, ANNE MARIE MARTIN, KATHY LOVE, SHARON JOHNSON, KATRIN SHEEHAN AND CHRISSY SEIPOLT.
- B. RECIPROCAL TROPHY WILL BE TRAVELLING WITH ME TO HOLLAND FOR THE WINNER OF THE SPEED PASS AND FEIF HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THIS. WE HAD SEVERAL TROPHIES MADE YEARS AGO AND BETSY GAVE THEM TO ME WHEN SHE STEPPED DOWN. ALL FORMS ARE DUE TO FEIF NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JULY 23RD. ALL BUT TWO FORMS ARE READY AND I AM AWAITING RIDER INFO FROM KATRIN TO FINISH.

ITEM #4

WORDING OF PROFESSIONAL ON THE USIHC RULES AND WEBPAGE.

THE BOARD MADE A SUGGESTION REGARDING THE WORDING CHANGE. I ASKED FOR. I AGREE TO THEIR SUGGESTIONS AND THIS IS JUST AWAITING APPROVAL BY THE BOARD. THIS IS THE MOST RECENT COPY.

“Recently there has been some confusion regarding the definition of “professional” under our show rules. Therefore, I would like to submit the following proposal to clarify.

Currently the definition is as follows:

Professional: A professional rider is one who has accepted remuneration of any kind within a two-year period prior to the show in question for training or riding Icelandic Horses.

I would like to propose we change it to: **Professional:** A professional rider is one who has accepted remuneration of any kind within a two-year period prior to the show in question for training or riding horses, or giving instruction to others in the training or riding of horses.

My reasoning for this is that the intent of having the restrictions we do on professionals is to allow our novice and intermediate riders to be able to compete with their peers in their divisions without having to ride against professionals. My understanding is that this has always been the rule – but it just now needs to be clarified. In my view we need to make it clear that anybody that accepts money for training horses, riding horses, or giving others lessons on horses is no longer a “novice” or “intermediate” in the spirit of these rules. “

ITEM #5

EXPENSES OF THE WC TRYOUTS

THE TICKET WAS PURCHASED ON THE USIHC (SOPHIE KATAKOZINOS) CARD. IT INCLUDED ALL OF THE LEGS OF EINAR’S FLIGHTS. THE ONLY OTHER REIMBURSEMENT WAS TO AMY GODDARD FOR CAR SERVICE TO JFK. MOST LOCATIONS FOUND HIM SOMEWHERE TO STAY AND FED HIM. MAIN EXPENSE WAS FOR THE TICKET AND HIS FEES

EINAR’S FEE: \$2,100

CAR SERVICE \$147

TICKET EXPENSES:

ICELANDAIR \$1250.60

NORTHWEST \$331.40

UNITED \$704.10

SERVICE CHARGE \$125.

ALL EXPENSES TOTAL: \$4658.10

INCOME FOR THE WC TRYOUTS**

\$3000 FROM ALL RIDERS EXCEPT FOR KAREN OLSON WHO PREPAID \$750

TOTAL INCOME: \$3,750.00

ITEM #6

KAREN OLSON IS AWAITING DECISION BY BOARD AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SHE IS DUE ANY REIMBURSEMENT FOR THIS PREPAYMENT OF \$750. THERE WERE ONLY 2 RIDERS IN IDAHO AND THEY WERE KAREN OLSON AND DAWN SHAW. DAWN'S PAYMENT WAS FOR \$50 FOR SCORES ONLY. KAREN'S PORTION SHOULD HAVE BEEN \$200 FOR THE 2 HORSES SHE TRIED OUT ON.

****DETAILED INCOME REPORT FOR WC TRYOUTS:**

Detailed Income Report for WC Tryouts

Video Judging \$700

1 for team consideration: \$600

0 scores only

1 non-refundable cancellation \$100

Wisconsin \$950

7 for team consideration \$700

5 for scores only \$250

Idaho \$850

2 for team consideration: \$750 (Karen Olson's deposit)

1 for scores only \$ 50

1 non-refundable cancellation \$ 50

California \$700

5 for team consideration: \$500

1 for scores only \$100

1 non-refundable cancellation \$100

New York \$550

2 for team consideration: \$200

2 for scores only \$100

5 non-refundable cancellations \$250

TOTAL INCOME: \$3,750

Note not all riders showed up for tryouts. All deposits were non refundable and advertised as such.

Constitution Review Committee Report (Andrea Barber): Progress has been slow and that is nobody's fault but my own. I have come to the realization that running the Pleasure Riding Program and Regional Club Program along with my other responsibilities is more work than I expected and I

simply cannot continue to chair three important committees. Therefore, I am going to turn this committee over to Steve Barber who will become the new chair and head up the review. Steve has a great interest in this, has past experience, and has the time necessary to devote to this project. I will remain on the committee itself as a participant and I will be the liaison for this committee to the board.

Education Committee Report (Bernie Willis):

1. NEW MEMBER

(Alex Pregitzer, Chairman) We were able to win Erhard Marenbach as a representative of the Canadian Icelandic Horse World in our committee. We are happy to welcome Erhard and his experience on this committee

2. CURRENT PROJECTS

A) Riding Badge Program

The USIHC Riding Badge has been implemented and is being taught. Laura Benson and her sister Heidi Benson had a student last year who passed the test, Bernie Willis is teaching it to some of his students right now and in the end of July, there will be two youth camps with a riding badge program. One camp will be in Kentucky and is being taught by Laura Benson; the other camp is in Minnesota and is being taught by Alexandra Pregitzer. KY will have their exam right after the seminar; Minnesota will have the exam in the fall.

When the committee put together the concept, our only concern with the implementation of the program was the lack of detailed educational Icelandic horse specific material in the English language. We thought we would have to wait starting the program until such materials would be available as it is needed for students and teachers. We were positive that they would as Walter Feldmann had agreed to have his book "Die Reitlehre" (aka the blue bible) translated. Katrin Sheehan got in touch with Walter and offered to help him find suitable translators etc...

In the meantime, the book has not been translated and it looks as if that project will get postponed. We have nevertheless been able to teach the riding badge program successfully and will continue to do so. However, it would be a huge help to have some material for the students and the education committee determined to make our own manual. Some of the bilingual members volunteered to help with this huge project which has been started but will take a while to get finished.

All together, the riding badge program is starting with small numbers that are fast growing in 2007. From what I have heard so far, it has been received very well.

B) Sports Judges Education Program

The Sports Judge Education Program has been very successful. There are 12 USIHC intern judges in the United States and some of them have been very active since their certification, scribing at sanctioned shows, judging schooling shows etc...

The education committee is currently working on online forms to download to identify the judges and for them to keep track of their different currencies.

I will contact the intern judges upon my return from Vermont to check with each of them how up to date they are on their currencies.

C) Breeding Judges Education Program

After the committees proposal for a Breeding Judge Program has been approved, we can now go ahead and make plans for the first breeding judge seminar in the US.

The committee will discuss more details to come up with a suggestion.

D) Rider Education / Schooling Shows

A very big success has been the implementation of schooling shows. The number of schooling shows has grown immensely with the availability of intern judges who can judge those shows at very low costs (flight and accommodations) for the organizers. The schooling shows have been extremely well received by organizers and students as far as we have heard and experienced. They are inexpensive, relatively easy to organize and fun without high costs and pressure yet providing a lot of knowledge and practice! The decision to limit the intern judges to certain classes was a disappointment for some organizers at first but it seems that everybody is very satisfied with the way things are going

E) International Education / FEIF

FEIF has been offering an international seminar for teachers and trainers once a year and has already invited the USIHC and its members to the next seminar in Denmark Jan 18-20. More details see www.feif.org

3. GENERAL

The NEIHC just held their first annual youth competition clinic which was organized by Nicki Esdorn together with Martina Gates. Martina and Nicki did an awesome job organizing this very special event that brought 13 youth riders age 12 to 18 to Massachusetts to Roberts Woods Farm and to Mill Farm.

Kathrin and Mark Roberts generously invited the participants and organizers to stay at their farm and let them use their facilities. Dan Slott allowed the group to use his facility for the following schooling show and Brian Puntin provided horses, tack, facilities, transportation, entertainment and his time and was as much part of the team as the head instructor for this clinic, Laura Benson, instructor and intern judge Alex Pregitzer. Peggy Gilbert brought in some youth that have an eventing back ground as well as a student from Norway, Alex flew in with some of her students from Wisconsin and the other students came from Virginia, New York, Maine and Massachusetts.

The event was all together geared towards competition riding for youth and was very successful with impressive sportsmanship and horsemanship on the sides of the talented youth riders. Education took place in classroom style theory, group lessons, private lessons, hands on experience, private conversations, personal advice and coaching as well as judging and feed back.

We have heard it many times - the future of the Icelandic Horse in the US lies in the hands of our youth riders. Events like this with education and fun will hopefully provide a strong bond between the riders and them with their horses.

Pleasure Riding Committee Report (Andrea Barber): Pleasure Riding Program / Pleasure Riding Committee – New PRP memberships continue to trickle in even this late in the year. I am currently collecting the half-way totals for all members for the PRP scoreboard. This will just be for fun and will have no impact on the final standings at the end of the year.

Policy and Procedure Committee Report (Anne Elwell): Nothing to report at this time.

Promotion Committee Report (Laura Benson):

From Andrea Barber: Misc. – Printing of USIHC labels was approved by the board via e-mail. The labels have been printed and sent out to Barb, Katrin, and Bernie.

Regional Club Committee Report (Andrea Barber):

Regional Club Program / Regional Club Committee – Bernie Willis recently made contact with a group of people in the Pacific Northwest who were interested in forming their own Regional Club. I have since contacted them and sent them all the information on how to begin the process.

Quarterly Committee Report (Anne Elwell): Nothing to report at this time.

Web Site Committee Report (Katrin Sheehan): Nothing to report at this time.

Youth Committee Report (Sandie Weaver): Alexandra Venable and her mother, Morgan, are in Sweden for the FEIF Youth Camp.

Spaejari Award: All essays were sent to John & Marilyn Parke. The winners were selected, notified, and their names were sent to be put up on the website. The plaques have been ordered, and the bill will be sent to Ed. Ed has mailed the \$50 checks to the winners, and the essays have been mailed to Judy Strehler and Nancy Marie Brown to be printed in the Quarterly. Congratulations to: Kristen Gulrajani from Vermont, Emily Potts from Massachusetts, and Sasha Roland from Oregon.

Amelie Brewster and Sara Lyter have been added to the Youth Committee.

I contacted all the Youth Directors asking them to e-mail me if they wanted lists of their local USIHC youth members. Lisa Roland from Cascade, Lynn Alfonsi, from FIRC, Kristen Wood from Flugnir, and Nicki Esdorn from NEIHC requested names of their local youth members.

I touched bases with Steve Barber about the FEIF Coloring Book.

I have started the USIHC Youth Committee discussion forum. I now have to figure out how to enter the members.

Barb Riva asked about the progress of the Icelandic Horse Coloring Book. Sandie Weaver indicated that Steve Barber is working with another company besides Lulu.com for comparison. Evidently one of the companies could not print it on paper that was suitable for coloring. Steven continues to pursue this for us.

Sandie called about the plaques for the Spaejari awards. Valley Awards will be finishing the plaques by the end of the week and they will be mailed to the winners. The \$50 checks have been mailed to the recipients.

OLD BUSINESS:

Online membership and data base update (Caryn Cantella): Update from Doug Smith:

1. Domain Registration.

Complete. The Congress is master of its own domain.

2. USIHC Documentation.

I have the paperwork from Ed.

3. Payment

I have the Congress credit card information from Ed.

4. Application Testing.

Status remains unchanged from last week... As far as I can tell no one on the web committee (or any one other than you and Bernie) have looked at the changes.

5. (New This Week) Launch Schedule.

I'm uncomfortable about launching a new web site until I can get a plan coordinated with Mark so we don't break any of the current update processes.

I don't want to switch servers all on my own since I don't know who needs what sort of access. I've not heard back from Mark and cannot determine if he's on travel.

I see no reason to start the clock on new hosting or the SSL certificates until I can get a target launch date from the web folks.

I told Doug that he and Asta should get together because she was the one that does the update process. They have spoken and Doug now feels he can move forward with the launching of the online data base. He will stay in touch with Asta and I on when this is going to take place so there are no problems. He has not given a date, but I expect it to be soon.

Youth Cup Panel Update (Anne Elwell): Nothing to report at this time.

International Sport Judge travel/expense reimbursement (addressed in Competition Committee Report): Reimbursement for competitions: Reimbursement for competitions which was part of the competition report submitted by Heidi Kline. Bernie verified that we are aware of the situation that there are three different shows from the past that are requesting reimbursement. Bernie read the current policy regarding this issue: "In certain circumstances, the congress will pay for the travel expenses of the International Sport Judge (s) and \$150 stipend toward his/her expenses. The show must meet all of the requirements of a sanctioned show including the request of fees to USIHC and it must have had an entry of 20 or more horses. This reimbursement is offered to help new shows get started and established. Once the show is established it is expected that its entry fees will cover the cost of the judges and it is anticipated the reimbursement will be phased out for a show at some point. At the moment no criteria have been determined for deciding when a show is not entitled to reimbursement. At some point we may limit reimbursement for a certain number of shows per year or a certain number of years per show. We might decide to deny reimbursement to shows of large entries or require show to require minimum entry fees or require accounting of shows income and expense to determine if reimbursement is warranted. It is impossible at this time to determine what the factors will be and we will have to address them when they arise. In the event that the competition committee chairperson determines that reimbursement is not warranted, the reasons for declining reimbursement will be provided in writing." Bernie stated that we have a situation where people have either read or hoped that this policy covered them and have spent money and are now seeking reimbursement. The line that says "It is impossible at this time to determine what the factors will be and we will have to address them when they arise" has come. Bernie felt that we cannot go any further with this policy of "we may" reimburse you if we feel like it. Barb agrees with Bernie and thinks it's time to have a policy more set in stone with regard to reimbursement on these shows. Bernie asked Ed, as treasurer, what his opinion was. At this time show organizers are requesting a total of about \$3,300. Ed feels that while we do have the money in the accounts we have to consider the intent of what we had in mind to do. Because we had no specifics we couldn't be very specific. We had to stay with the intent of our goal and that was to help promote the shows and once they got going, people were on their own. There was never a promise to reimburse anybody for anything. Bernie said that is how he read it also. Anne said that the original intent was to get good International judges here because we had shows that were beginning to be judged by un-Icelandic experienced/educated judges who were awarding horses with less than quality movements. So the original intent of the goal was educational. The board at that time felt it was an important goal because people were getting the wrong notion of what was correct movement from Icelandic Horses. So we are passed that

now and we have intern judges working at schooling shows who are reasonably well educated so now the goal has shifted to a function of helping to develop shows. That is the one we are addressing now. David Kline said that as a show organizer the implication from a past board members what that if 20 horses were participating in a show and you have a FEIF judge, you will get reimbursement. Bernie agreed that there was a very strong implication of that. That was directly stated to him when organizing a show. Anne said that was the original policy at one time years ago. David felt that this was stated to him as early as late last year. Bernie said that we have two choices right now and one is to simply reimburse these people as they have requested and write up a new policy that reflects our current needs and capabilities of understanding the situation. Or we could just take the part of the current policy that states "in certain circumstances, we will (which also means in certain circumstances we won't)" and say we won't reimburse because we feel it is not appropriate. Ed feels that in this case we should make the reimbursement and then be sure that the policy is crystal clear that we aren't in the reimbursement business. Bernie feels that this is the only way we can support our members and the shows that have gone on and continue to support them in the future. If we were not going to reimburse them for whatever reason, it would be a pretty big slap in the face to the people who are organizing these sport events. Caryn asked if we are considering Gudmar's request in the group even though he had extra judges. Bernie said that was one of them. Barb asked if the Santa Ynez show was new. Ed said it was the first year. She also asked about the Delmar show and how long it has been going on. David said that the Delmar show has been going on for years and years but Kimberly is now organizing that show and she had no reimbursement of any kind from that show. She is simply a rider who put up the money. Barb verified that the Delmar show was always a sanctioned Icelandic Horse competition that Congress had paid for. Caryn said that the Delmar show is showing a reimbursement of \$1,566. We did get a check from Nancy Masonson for class fees and non-registered participants for \$465 so everyone knows that the amount of reimbursement nets out to be \$1,101. Caryn said that the Delmar show charges a \$5 fee to every single class ridden and there were 66 classes ridden and those people are currently paying \$35 or \$40 per class to enter. Barb verifies that the Delmar show still loses money every year even with the large entry fees. Caryn stated that it's normal that this show loses money because it's put on by another breed. Barb understood that this show has more expenses such as facilities fees and such but stated that Congress has paid for this losing show year after year even though the riders pay more for classes, there is still a loss and Congress has for many years supported this show. Caryn said that is correct and when Congress made this proposal/rule to pay these judges back when then the flight was only \$700. Now we are looking at fees that are \$1,500 or more. Barb agreed that with the flight prices now and the exchange rate, the expenses are much more. Caryn also stated that the Board has no control as to when the judges are hired and if the flight is arranged shortly before the show, the price is higher also. Bernie said that when he planned his sanctioned shows in Anchorage, he contacted Betsy (the sport committee chairman at that time) and told her the cost of the judges and how many horses committed to participate. He asked if the show can anticipate reimbursement if they had the minimum number of horses and he would get her positive comment before arranging for the flight. The only qualification he could not control in organizing the show is the number of horses. Ann felt that the sport committee should look into this before it gets discussed on the Board. Bernie agreed. Anne felt that it will take a good amount of research. Anne said that the Dillsburg show judging flight is about \$750, however, in comparison the flight to California is twice that much. This kind of information is needed before making any further changes or decisions on this issue. Costs are affected by the dates of the show. We have to take a look at different costs along with the whole issue of shows who want to offer more than one judge. In looking at both Dillsburg and the Kentucky shows the entrants are between 40 and 50. Caryn felt that shows

with that many entrants should be able to pay for themselves. Anne disagreed. Now we are talking about two judges is much like two shows with 20 entrants. Caryn feels that with any shows that have more than one judge. Education was the reason we started a reimbursement policy and if a show organizer is capable of having one judge on your own then you are getting the education. Laura stated that if there are 40 or 50 riders it's not really possible to have one judge. Anne stated that it certainly is a different show with two judges then it is with one. Anne feels that in terms of development, that is where we want to go. Barb agreed and she felt there is a lot to be learned and a lot more of our sanctioned shows aligning with the way FEIF would like us to do it with three or more judges. Barb asked Katrin if there are now shows in Europe that require five judges. Katrin said that all the Sport A events do need five judges. Caryn agreed that we need to redefine what our goal is. Some on the Board feel that the education one gets at schooling shows from Intern judges is enough and now we are leaning toward a better education of from two judges, or a FEIF judge. So she feels that there needs to be some sorting out of what in the future Congress wants to support or what type of competition. She feels there are a lot of feelings but we are not going to be able to financially support everything that everyone feels is educational. Caryn feels that the costs of competitions have gotten really expensive. Caryn said that the flight for the judge at the Delmar show was outrageous. Bernie summarized as follows:

I hear no objection that we reimburse the three individuals who submitted a request which are Gudmar's Kentucky show, the Delmar show and Santa Ynez show. Furthermore, that we return the development of a show promotion reimbursement plan over to the sport committee adding that we cease reimbursing show for any expense until the sport committee comes up with a new plan that the Board accepts. Barb said that she has no objections however; she would like to see some kind of budget toward plan for education through competitions to ride properly and to be judged properly. She realizes that we have to be careful as to what kind of money comes out of these accounts so as not to deplete them. However, she thinks it's time to budget some money toward competition education. She feels that we cannot just keep investing in the accounts and not give back in some form of education to our members. Anne had an objection with ending the reimbursement of expenses until this proposal is completed since some people are planning competitions now for the rest of 2007. Anne felt it was not fair to pull the reimbursement away from these people who had hoped to have that financial support. David suggested that no reimbursement will be allowed for shows in 2008 until the proposal is accepted. Caryn suggested that we put a reimbursement limit until the proposal is accepted. Anne feels that we need to put the decision on the discretion of the chair of the sport committee to reimburse until there is a new plan. Katrin felt that would open up the door to say that anything will be reimbursed until the new policy comes in affect. Anne said that is up to the chair of the sport committee based on a case-by-case basis. David stated that Heidi's basic feeling about this is that until the Board tells her otherwise, all she is doing is making sure the documentation is correct and advising the board that the shows have properly completed all of the documentations that are required to be sanctioned to be considered for reimbursement. It's her understanding that the board will decide if the show is reimbursed or not. Anne said that makes sense. Barb said that in just looking at the three cases that are requesting now, that all of us would be real reluctant not to reimburse the Delmar show even though that particular show has had support for many years. The Santa Ynez show is brand new and just getting started. While Gudmar has had three shows, this is the first one that is sanctioned so that one is new and just getting started. So personally Barb did not feel comfortable telling Kimberly that the board is sorry but this Delmar show is going on for years and we just aren't going to reimburse this show anymore. While we aren't saying that, we are giving the Board the discretion to and in the future, while the committee is coming up with a new proposal, it will be equally difficult to

deny financial support. Bernie asked if the Board would be comfortable stating that we would reimburse any qualified sanctioned shows up until the end of 2007. After 2007, there would be a new policy in place. Anne agreed. Caryn feels that the Board has to have a policy that will weigh each request on a case-by-case basis. Caryn feels that in the past the show organizers have been on an honor system and it's always been understood that if the show made money, then there would be no financial help. Caryn feels that now people have an entitlement to the financial support as long as they have 20 horses or more. This was never the intent of the policy. Caryn feels that Gudmar is doing an extremely good job but being able to have more than one judge (whether they are family or not) just not entitle him or anyone else for automatic reimbursement. Barb feels that it's time to start asking for financial income and expense reports to prove the losses. David feels it would be much more feasible to limit the amount and say that if that the risk of any additional expenses would be the show organizers responsibility. Bernie felt that this was a good point and the sport committee should come research this information and come up with a proposal for the Board. All agreed.

Reconsider High Point Program previously proposed by the Competition Committee (Katrin Sheehan): David Kline was available for this meeting to clarify the High Point Award system. Bernie explained that the program looks really good but we had two things that we agreed as a board that we wanted added to the program and one was something that considered the scores per the horse's ability and the second was to allow the riders to decide if they want to be included. The High Point Award proposal did not include the scores per horse and wanted the participation to be mandatory based on the fact that all the scores are published any way.

David and Heidi Kline were under the assumption that the Board hoped that they would consider the scores per horse in this High Point Award system at some point in time in the future. He didn't realize that this was something the Board wanted to see in this system right away. Bernie stated that he remembers that the Board agreed to the program pending these two items. Katrin Sheehan said that it was not mandatory but Bernie asked if it could be a possibility. She felt that it was not a stipulation. David said that if we do change the system to include the horse's ability, we would be the only FEIF country to do so. This is based on a world ranking system and the results are sent to FEIF where they are recorded under the same program as the FEIF world ranking program. David felt that this is something that the committee can work on; however, he felt that since it is not what is done with the FEIF world ranking system, it muddies the water so to speak. David also explained that if we now also give awards to the horse and rider combination, the program becomes that much more expensive to offer. Ann was concerned about those riders who wanted to keep track of their scores on the horse and rider combination and she thought that for her own purposes, she could ride one horse in the individual programs and the other in the intermediate programs. Barb stated that would work until her score would eliminate her from the intermediate programs. David then stated that they would consider making Amateur (single on the track) classes mandatory for sanctioned competitions. Ann was pleased that as long as there are ways to do track the horse and rider combination within the system and not make additional work and expense. Bernie then confirmed that the tracking of the horse's scores is not a prerequisite to the board accepting the High Point program. Barb's concerns were more about the growth of competitions within our country and how this was going to impact that. She felt that it is difficult for farms to host competitions that will pay for themselves and even without the High Point System, she sees the top performance riders not entering other classes to help support the event itself. This program now puts a situation in place where riders may not consider riding a second horse in other classes for fear that it will lower their average score. David felt that that the fact that the

program only averages the two top scores, it would not bring their average down and you would still have the opportunity to compete with your higher level horse. Barb then asked, if as long as your able to compete twice with your higher level horse your best two scores count toward the averaging for a final score. David agreed. Bernie confirmed that a separate ranking of the horse's scores is not a prerequisite to accepting the High Point System for our competitions. As far as concern number two, which is to allow competitors to opt out of the High Point System. David reminded the Board that we currently do not ask permission to publicize scores that are posted on the web site and quarterly. David asked why this National Ranking system would be any different then what is done now. David also suggested that the show organizers can include a statement on their show registration form that says something like: By participating in this competition, you accept and acknowledge your permission to publicly post your scores. David would like to avoid coming up with an additional document where we would have to get every participant to give permission for us to post scores. Ann felt that we should try to keep the documentation simple. Katrin asked if anyone has ever opposed to having their scores posted. No one on the board remembers having this issue come up so they all feel that it is a non-issue. We can address this issue if someone would show some concern. Katrin does not feel posting scores is a negative and now with this system there is a possibility of an award also. For the record Bernie verified that we will withdraw both of these recommendations (the one involving the horse's score and the one asking for permission to participate in the program) the High Point System proposal.

Laura reminded us that we have to decide on whether to include the 2006 competition scores in the High Point System. David stated that they are still discussing this on the sub-committee. He would like to take it to the entire sport committee for additional opinions and they will have a proposal for the Board by the next meeting.

Barb indicated that there was some conflicting wording in the proposal regarding the date of the presentation of the award. Barb did not have the document and David was not aware of it but will research it to be sure it's clearer. However, he stated that this is a calendar year award but the awards are not presented until the annual meeting. She thought there may have been a date typed in the proposal and the annual meeting but she felt that she possibly misunderstand and the date was for the calculation and then the award was presented at the annual meeting. David will review it to be sure it's not confusing.

Purchase of Congress Cell Phone for use at International Events (Katrin Sheehan): Katrin felt that it would be too difficult to arrange to use two separate cell phones while at an international event. She feels that everyone has their own cell phone and would probably not use an additional one to try to keep Congress related phone calls separate. All agreed.

2008 Annual Meeting: Katrin is putting together information to possibly hold the 2008 Annual Meeting in Georgia. She reports that the expenses would be the same, if not less then last year's meeting in Texas. She has since booked the location in Texas, however, has 60 days to cancel if need be.

Congress Promotional Brochures (Laura Benson): Nothing to report at this time.

Liability Insurance for International Youth Events (Bernie Willis): This issue was addressed in the discussions regarding FEIF Youth camp in the U.S. in 2009 under NEW BUSINESS.

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FEIF Youth camp in the U.S. in 2009: Sandie has four people on the committee so far. Two locations in California are being considered. The theme will be something similar to “A week in the OC”. The first location considered is the Newport Dunes. It’s an aquatic camping location which includes a very secure and safe, salt water bay offering swimming, kayaking, volley ball, movies on the beach at night, a swimming pool. There is a bicycle track around the entire bay and there is a fairy to Balboa Island that is within walking distance from the camping area. The fairy goes across the bay to Balboa Peninsula to visit the Balboa fen zone. The next four days would include camping with Icelandic Horses at Casper’s Park which is just a highway transport to San Juan Capistrano. Shannon Neese will work on a questionnaire to send to the previous FEIF Youth Camp attendees in the next three weeks to get their input on previous events. The budget cap is 500 Euros per camper. As of today that’s about \$691 per camper (not including air fare). Sandie will need a copy of our insurance policy along with the phone number of the agent so she can report all the activities that will be needing coverage. Sandie will have all the participants fly into John Wayne Airport. Sandie also researched the bus services in her area and the most reasonably priced was the provider of busing to the schools in the area, however, they require a million dollar liability insurance policy for the service. Sandie is continuing the research on more activities so she feels the event is off to a good start. Sandi expects there will be about 50 participants (including chaperones), however, realistically the expense of travel from Europe to California will be quite high and she felt that may limit the participation level. Sandie reported that within the 18 countries in FEIF, 17 of them are allowed to send two participants each. The host country is allowed to send 10 participants. Sandi has experienced four camps so far. In Canada there were 18 participants, in Switzerland there were 14 participants, in Iceland there were 50 campers and in Sweden there were 40 participants. Sandi is planning for the maximum amount of campers here in the U.S. which would be 50. Prices for Newport Dunes and Casper’s Park are based on how many camping spaces will be used. For examples, Casper’s fees are \$15 per night and they allow 6 people per camping space. The committee would organize all the camping equipment needed such as tents, meal equipment, etc. The horses will be provided by the three regional clubs in California. In Canada, the camp was located at an Icelandic Horse farm where they had 10 horses available for use so the campers formed two groups and each group had two rides on these 10 horses for the entire week. The youth camp in Switzerland did not include any Icelandic Horse riding at all. They offered a horseback ride in the Alps but that was not on Icelandic Horses. Iceland and Sweden offered a lot of Icelandic Horse riding for the campers. Sandie feels that European camper will not be traveling to Southern California thinking that they will have a lot of Icelandic Horse riding. But she doesn’t feel that will be a problem to have Icelandic Horse owners committee to this event and bring horses for the campers to ride. Ed felt that we have a lot of time to organize these details.

Bernie received some information from our agent Mickie at Best Insurance. “Your policy covers members for any activity sponsored or sanctioned by USIHC that is anywhere in the world. Liability is world-wide just as in your homeowner’s policies. We just have to know who the member is and where and when they are doing the event so we can prepare the certificate of insurance for the overseas party. Hope this clarifies things, *signed* Mickie” Caryn felt it might be a good idea to make all these campers members. Ann Elwell questioned that if Congress sponsors an evaluation for example,

and our insurance covers this as a Congress event and one of the spectators (that is not a member) is hurt at this event, Ann asked if that non-member is not covered. Bernie explained that she is covered under our liability insurance. Ed added that he feels the campers will be covered. When we renew our insurance we list the events we have planned and for the year of 2009, we would list that event and give them prior notification for it. Ann feels that we should specifically ask the question as to whether the campers at this event are covered during all activities. Barb added that with the regional club in her area, they try to have member-only events because she thinks that our policy states that members cannot sue the organization. So if there are non-member participants, they are covered more so than the members. However, if our members are in Europe and get hurt, I think this specific question should be asked of our agent. Bernie stated that he also understood that if a Congress member is hurt, that would be covered under their own policy, however, if one of our member's horses in some way hurt a non-Congress member, then they would be covered and our member would be protected. Barb felt that was correct. Sandie asked if we have to take \$35 out of their fee and make them members. Bernie asked if they would qualify as members based on our constitution; are they residents, do they own horses here, etc. Sandie said that we do have members that do not qualify with that scenario. Barb stated that then they should not be members. Anne felt that junior members are not subject to the same membership qualifications as adult members because they do not have a vote. Caryn agreed but Bernie felt that this needs more clarification and something we cannot deal with at this meeting. Anne would like to pose some of these hypothetical questions to Mickie. She feels that Mickie would give definite answers to these questions fairly quickly. She doesn't think it's a good idea to make any assumptions with regard to insurance. Bernie agreed and he will get back to Mickie with these concerns. Sandie asked if Bernie could send her a copy of the policy. Bernie said he could but it really doesn't give any information other than their address and contact information and it states that we have a million dollars worth of spectator liability insurance coverage. No more details other than that. This is all that Bernie received when he asked for a copy of the insurance policy. Sandi felt that we at least could rent the school bus for the Youth Cup event however; Bernie stated that we only have specific "spectator" liability coverage and we have to realize that this coverage is very specific. Barb feels that with her dealings with organizational insurance coverage and commercial farm insurance, it is very difficult to understand. She has found that many farms will put on events as a matter of fact and assume they have coverage. Once specific "what-if" questions are asked, and then we find out that there isn't coverage for some of these events. Caryn stated that she is totally confused and asked if we have this camp and we have kids from the U.S. attend (we are allowed to have 10) and those youth members get hurt, then they aren't covered because they are a members. Bernie and Barb felt that was correct. Everyone agreed that we did not want to be in a position that any youth (member or not) would not be covered in one of our events. Caryn felt strongly that we need some kind of liability coverage that would blanket all participants. Bernie gave an example that if one of us was teaching riding lessons and we wanted insurance for our students, this would be a separate policy from what the organization has and it would be about three times the cost. Caryn feels that we cannot host a function like this and not have coverage. Everyone agreed. Ed felt that our policy covers us for liability only. Barb felt that our coverage was more specific to "spectator liability" and that liability coverage comes under different umbrellas. Caryn stated that it is very important that we have the right liability coverage for this event and everyone agreed. Bernie asked Caryn if she could research this concern and she said she would see what kind of information she could find out. Anne felt that Mickie at Best Insurance specializes in Equine coverage and we should be able to get the information from her. Bernie said that he could try that again.

August 2007 Board Meeting: Bernie does not think he will be able to get phone contact for a teleconferenced meeting next month. He will be at the World Championships in Holland and then in Europe through the end of August. Vice President, Sandie Weaver, will be in charge of the August meeting. Sandie said she would be available. We all agreed that we will have a meeting on August 21st.

Meeting adjourned.