

## **USIHC BOD Meeting Sept. 19,2006**

Regional Club Observers:  
Dawn Shaw (Cascade)  
Heidi Kline (CIA)  
Doug Smith (Nor. Cal)

Member Present, Andrea Barber, Betsy Covert, Caryn Cantella, Betsy Covert, Ed Hilgaetner, Barb Riva, Judy Strehler, Bernie Willis

### **Committee/Area Report**

#### Treasury

General update - Ed reports that we have \$19540.69 as the last balance. Since that time we have had income from the Wisconsin Judge Seminar and some expenses. He expects the new balance to be approximately \$21,600.00. He has asked the accountant how much of the registry account can be invested without jeopardizing our non-profit status, but so far has not received an answer

Non profit status - All the information has been sent in, fees paid, but no news from the government.

Pleasure Riding – Ed reported for Amy Goddard

According to Amy there are 3 new members with a total of 70. People from everywhere are joining.

Conference Calls - The new service is providing a savings of about \$350 per call.

#### Registry

Caryn reports the current balance is \$61,048.99. A new deposit is about to be made. There are 71 new entries in WF and a total of 2948 horses. WF has been updated with the information for the Breeding Evaluation in Boise. I'm working on a program for attaching a DNA file to all our reg. Horses that are in Worldfengur.

WorldFengur for all - Caryn moved that the congress send a post card of notification announcing the program and how to join in to all members past and present.

Seconded by Betsy

Vote - Yes, Unanimous

Promotion

Barb reports that there has been an inquiry for Equine Affair in CA for the display booth.

New brochure - Andrea reports that Martina is bogged down preparing for the New York Evaluation, so nothing yet. There is a new brochure from Iceland that perhaps we could use as an example of what we could do. She will ask Martina about it when she is through with this evaluation. Bernie will send copies of the Iceland brochure to the BOD. Perhaps they could be purchased from Iceland.

#### Website

Barb reports that the proposed tracking project is making progress according to Doug Smith, we have had one round of feedback, and have one change to make. We're in limbo on what tracking system to use. Barb will try and have something by next meeting.

#### Bulletin board update

Barb will arrange for the website bulletin board to announce the World Fenger availability to all members for 2007.

#### Newsletter

Judy reports its going well. A couple more articles are needed for the December issue. They will be due Sept. 27.

#### Education

Bernie reports that the Sport Judge Seminar in WI was a success with 14 participants. Two participants passed the test, Sara Lyter and Alex Pregitzer. Bernie will write a letter of congratulations and arrange for Sophie to make the certificates.

#### Secretary

Bernie reports that all correspondence is up to date including the aol e-mail. He is coordinating with Sophie Katakozinos to fill in on the e-mails and phone messages when he is absent.

#### Regional Clubs

Andrea reports that the insurance for all regional clubs is still in progress. Bernie has the info. from the clubs but hasn't sent it to the insurance companies yet.

#### Breeding

Anne reports that David Kline's proposal that we purchase the AVID minitracker scanner at \$299.00 has been approved by committee e-mail consensus as well as Steve Barber's proposal for Cornell to be our clearance agent for spavin determination.

Anne moved that both the above proposals be accepted.

Seconded by Andrea

Vote- Yes, Unanimous

The general update from Anne indicated that the new FEIF requirements look perfectly OK. Dawn is waiting to hear if a stallion is coming. If its coming from Canada does it have to do the x-rays in Canada with in 6 months? Caryn questioned who polices this. Ed asked if the judges could do it at the evaluation. Anne said, no they can't because of the 6 mo. Time allowance. Anne, questioned why FEIF gets \$20 when we do all the entry work? Anne will ask Per Finn. She also said she hadn't heard from Dawn about any horses that need the parentage verification requirements such as stallions that must have proof of parentage, DNA or blood type analysis within 6 mo.

Evaluation organizational handbook development was halted when we learned of these new requirements. Its on hold for now.

Competition

Betsy reports that the WC try-out judge is booked, it will be Einar Ragnasson.

Sport Judge Seminar teacher for CA, Marlise Grimm returned to Germany with plane trouble but hopefully she will make it tomorrow.

The Kentucky show has applied for sanctioning. They meet all the current requirements but there is a potential problem since the judge is the father of the organizer.

Ed moved that we approve this show but also send a reminder that because of the perceptions of some folk we don't allow the housing of judges in the homes of competitors. That it may be best for Gudmar not to compete if his father is the only judge.

Seconded by Andrea

Vote - Yes, Unanimous

There is now a Yahoo list set up by Asta for intern judges

General Items

Election Committee

Andrea will wait until Martina is not so busy with NY evals. before getting an update.  
Rich Moore has offered to help the new committee.

Betsy, Ed and Judy are up for reelection in 2007

FEIF Youth Cup Independent Panel

Anne reports that the parents rep is Ilene Gunipero, Sandie is represented by John Parke

Doug Smith's Proposal:

**Establish a Public Comment Period on Board Conference Calls.**

**Summary:**

**The agenda of Board conference calls which are open for member audit should include a period of time for non-board member participation to be able to address the Board. This would be an opportunity for the membership to provide feedback, ask questions, and generally interact with their Board of Directors.**

**Goals:**

**Provide the membership with direct contact with the Board. Provide increased incentive for Regional Clubs to participate at the national level of the Congress.**

**Disadvantages:**

**May increase the length of Board conference calls. This could be mitigated by structuring the calls so they start with an executive session, proceed to open discussion, and conclude with public comment.**

Andrea comments that board meetings are not the place to have public comment and discussion as the meetings are meant for the board to meet and work. This input should instead be brought to the appropriate committee, board members personally, or at the Annual meeting. We really need to encourage input at the committee level. If board members feel that they need a non-board member to explain something then that is fine on a board meeting. We can ask observers questions. We can have guests who are not RC members.

Ed. Moved that we not accept the proposal as submitted but recommend that people contact committees with their concerns. He said he would develop a alternate proposal.

Seconded Andrea

Vote - Yes, Unanimous

Subsequent to the meeting Ed provided the following proposal that has been accepted by

the board via e-mail:

**It has come to the attention of your Board of Directors that some members would like the opportunity not only to listen in at telephone board meetings, but also to have time set aside to be able to ask questions and make comments. While the BOD welcomes active participation in the organization, we believe the appropriate venue is the various committees and regional clubs. The BOD meetings are tedious and time consuming just taking care of regular Congress business with out prolonging them with discussions not on the agenda. We intentionally publish the meeting agenda to all regional clubs, providing them an opportunity for input to that agenda and to plan for their designated “listener”: at any given meeting. From time to time the BOD may invite a “guest participant” to give testimony or explain the details of an item under consideration, but at this time we believe the present practice of silent listening is the most appropriate system. The minutes of each meeting are available on the website.**

Caryn asked what should we do when a chairperson is absent? Its not fair to everyone when things get delayed, there should be a backup person? Committee chairs should appoint a back up when they expect to be absent.

Next board meeting date set for: Oct. 17

Adjourned 1030 eastern time