

USIHC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

9-18-07

Doug Smith was on the agenda as a potential observer. Laura Benson said the he was only planning to join the meeting if the Board has specific questions regarding the web site.

Board members present: Andrea Barber, Laura Benson, Caryn Cantella, Anne Elwell, Ed Hilgaertner, Barbara Riva, Katrin Sheehan, Sandi Weaver, and Bernie Willis

Secretary's Report. Barbara Riva apologies for not having the minutes done for the past two meetings.

Treasurer's Report: Opening balance as of 8-1-07 is \$6,950.71. Closing balance as of 8-31-07 is \$8,943.88. Along with the Treasurer's Report submitted to the agenda, Ed said he was guessing that the credit memo that he received from FEIF regarding charges for bicycles is something he should hold on to for a little while rather than transfer the money to the Registry account. Bernie wanted to add one thing. At a prior meeting Bernie had mentioned something about a dedicated account and a debit card and while at the WC he had gotten together with the President of FEIF on several occasions and he mentioned the potential process to him and he thought it was a great idea. It was Bernie's intentions to make payments to FEIF with the debit card and eliminate the wire fee if Ed would establish an account with a debit card and send the debit card to the Treasurer of FEIF. Ed would then put the fees in that account and the FEIF treasurer would take it out with the debit card. The FEIF treasurer would not have any other access to funds other than what Ed had transferred into it. That would eliminate the \$40 bank wire fees that we are charged. Ed said that he will see what he can do about setting this up and he doesn't have a problem with it either way. Bernie felt that if we could save \$40 per wire every time we owe them money, it might be beneficial to do this.

Registry Report: Account balance as of 8-31-07 is \$64,282.45. Bernie wanted to address the last paragraph of Asta Covert's report. She had gotten a flight to attend the World Fengur Registrar Seminar and the prices was little more than what she had thought, at \$985 for a round trip. FEIF will pay \$400 of that and all other costs of the seminar. Bernie stated that we voted to pay \$500 for her flight with the understanding that the price would be \$900. Bernie suggested that we pay the entire difference of \$585 if there are no objections. There were no objections and Ed will reimburse her for that expense.

Breeding Committee: Katrin is preparing for the upcoming Evaluation in New York on Sept. 21-23. Everything has been entered in World Fengur and she hopes that everyone will arrive healthy and in good spirits for a good event. Bernie asked if there are plans for Friday, Sept. 21. She said there is not. People will arrive on Friday and the measuring will begin Saturday morning with the first riding ability judging to follow and the second riding ability judging to end on Sunday.

Competition Committee: (Item #1) Katrin wanted the board to revisit the issue of housing of judges. There was discussion again on the sport committee and the decision was six to two in favor of allowing judges to be housed by the organizer. Since the USIHC would like to limit the amount of reimbursement to organizer, this is certainly a way to offset costs. Several days at a hotel adds up to a large sum of money for the organizer of the competition. This is also standard process in Iceland and Europe. Anne felt that the count of the vote was incorrect. Anne remembers that she and Andrea voted against this along with Alice Peal and possibly even Sophie and Sara voted against this policy. Anne also pointed out that there are 24 people on the sport committee and she feels the vote on this issue is not correct. Andrea agrees. Anne remembers that there were a lot more individuals voting against this policy. Anne felt that many of the sport committee members were away at the World Championships during the discussions of this issue and possibly that is why there is such a large discrepancy in the vote. Andrea indicated that both sides of this issue are not presented in the proposal and she feels that both the pros and the cons should be presented to the Board. Anne also indicated that it is not even a correct statement of the rules as they presently stand. The current rule is that a judge cannot be housed at the home of a competitor. She said that it would be o.k. to house the judge at the home of the

organizer as long as the organizer was not competing. However, it would be perfectly fine to find a home for the judge of someone who was not competing in order to save expenses. The rule does not state that judges need to be housed at hotels. There is usually, however, no way around that if the show is at locations that are far away from the attendees such as at the Dillsburg show. However, the rule should not have anything against the judge staying with the show organizer unless the organizer is a competitor. Bernie agreed with Anne and Andrea, however, referred them to page seven of the sanctioned show rules where it states under (B) **"It is mandatory that judges not stay with show participants, riders or owner including the show organizer if he/she is competing for scores or placement at the show"** Everyone felt that this rule then only pertains if the show organizer is also competing. Bernie then pointed out that in the proposal it says just the organizer and doesn't say anything about a participant. So as the item as presented in item one, our rules have no objection to that. Andrea said that the proposal is mis-stated. Bernie agreed but said that is the way it was written and the way it was meant. As far as the vote is concerned both Andrea and Anne expressed their opinion. Bernie said that as far as the judge staying with the organizer that is consistent with the way it's written in our rules. Andrea agrees but also agrees with Anne that it just is not stated properly and she felt the wise thing to do is to send it back to the committee so the Board has a correct proposal to vote on. Bernie agreed and asked Katrin to take the proposal back the Competition Committee to discuss and make clearer. Anne also reminded Katrin that in any proposal that comes to the Board, there must be a statement of the pros and cons so the Board has the entire cross section of opinions on the issue.

(Item #2) We are waiting on a decision from FEIF to take over doing our National Ranking Report. This proposal was drafted by David Kline and a copy is attached to the agenda titled **How are rankings maintained?** Katrin read the entire proposal:

For an annual fee of 200 EURO per year FEIF handles all the office work after any event is registered for the World Ranking or - when needed - as extra event for one of the national rankings FEIF is calculating as well (Germany, Sweden, and Denmark). In 2007 this will total 130 events. The first registration is done by the FEIF Office (they use an on line back office service for all office tasks accessible by both the FEIF Office, World Ranking software and board members). After registration the software handles the welcome message to the Sport Chairperson including the reminders when no results come in after the event. We currently require a copy of the Ictest data file be sent to the Sport Chairperson and the Sport Chair person would send the necessary file to FEIF once the show has been approved. Results are sent in by e-mail in a prescribed file format (either text document with tab separated columns or Excel). If the e-mail contains the proper security key the file is handled automatically. The sender receives a report and is allowed to resend the file (after corrections) as much as needed.

Names of riders are compared with a list of aliases (to check for common typing errors) and compared with other names (kind of fuzzy logic) to trace typing errors and to avoid that results are booked under the wrong name

The organizer receives a 'thank you' and the event is marked in the list of events as 'results available'

Since 2007 the FEIF Id's and names of horse may be added to the results; the software checks the FEIF Id and name of the horse against World Fengur.

Every night a new ranking is composed, both for FEIF and for the three countries with their own ranking (and own rules). This includes a ranking per test, a list of ranked riders per country, and an overview of

the results of any rider and an overview of the results of any horse, a list of recent changes and statistics (mainly all WR pages in the FEIF website).

Every night a new list of used aliases and a new list of suspect riders names is computed and published for the WR or NR

Benefits.

1. The automated system will be more accurate. Currently the data is copied and typed individually by a member of the High Point Sub-committee.
2. The FEIF program allows the reader to see the complete rider history, not just the highest results.
3. The FEIF system allows the reader to see the results by horse as well.
4. The FEIF system is simpler and reduces work by committee members.

Negatives

1. Additional yearly cost to the USIHC.

Caryn asked that in order to see all the results would members have to go to the FEIF web site. Katrin said that we would probably put a link on our web site to that area of the FEIF web site to access information. Caryn asked that since our shows do not qualify as official "World Ranking" shows, how will this be recorded on the FEIF site. Katrin felt that we would just be using their system of recording. These scores would not show up on the World Ranking list but we would be using their software to get everything processed. We would still only have our National ranking. FEIF is doing this now for Germany, Denmark and Sweden. They have events that are not in the World Ranking and are visible on their Nation's web site. Therefore, each of these countries sends the information from Ictest to FEIF where they calculate and record it and send it back. Ann felt that it sounds as though they will let us perform our shows with our rules and FEIF will just collect the data and make it visible and available. The question then is how does the average American competitor get to see this. Katrin verified that there would be a link on the USIHC web site that would bring individuals to the information. Caryn asked if the scores would actually be on the FEIF site and she said she didn't think so. So FEIF would just do the record keeping for us and we would post that information only on our Congress web site. Bernie confirmed with Katrin that for approximately \$280 per year this would pertain to any sanctioned shows in the U.S. Bernie then looked at the number of sanctioned shows we have currently in our country which is up to about five. Andrea agreed with Ed in the fact that it seems like a pretty hefty price to pay for something that was only going to benefit a few members. Andrea felt that this might be a very easy data base to set up and keep track of our own scores for National Ranking. Andrea felt that it can be fairly difficult to explain to the majority of our members who are pleasure riders, why we decided to spend so much per year to benefit a minimum number of members, when there is a fee to be included in the Pleasure Rider program. Caryn also added that if you put all this data into FEIF's data base, will we have access to pull that information out when we want. Katrin said that would not be a problem because we get all the information back once it's calculated. Ann suggested that we send something to the sport committee telling them that with only the 3 to 5 shows we have per year, we don't think this expense is warranted at this time but may be open to revisit it in the future when there are more sanctioned shows (possibly at least 8) throughout the country. Bernie concluded that while we like the idea the Board is declining to accept this based on the cost ratio at this point. No objections.

(Item #3) Heidi reports that there has been no paperwork submitted by Sigrun and Jason from the Tunbridge show. Because of this their show is not considered sanctioned. Bernie asked who would be willing to communicate with them on this issue since he felt it was not their intent to risk the sanctioning of this show. Katrin did send off an e-mail to them and did get a response. She will also see them the following weekend at the evaluations at Mill Farm in New York.

(Item #4) The sport committee is waiting for approval from the Board of the new wording in the sanctioned show document. Copy was attached to the agenda. Bernie directed the Board to the

bold type on page 3 which talks about the twelve required classes. There were no objections from the Board on this change. Further changes were: "The results of sanctioned show's back-up file of Ictest must be returned to the chairman of the Competition Committee within two weeks of the show. If they are not sent in on time the scores will not be posted to the web site. There will be no reimbursement to the show organizer and no other sanctioned shows will be approved for that show organizer until the results are received" There were no objections from the Board on this change.

Bernie directed the Board to the bold type on page 6 which states "Within two weeks of the conclusion of the show, he/she will need to send receipts of travel expenses from the judge with a maximum payout of one thousand dollars. This is only available for shows not making any profit and only for a period of two years." Andrea stated that she did not like the wording referring to "the profit". She felt that in order to follow this suggestion, we would have to define what the profit is. It is extremely difficult and cumbersome to keep track of individual qualified expenses each show organizer may have. Andrea felt that very few shows actually do make a profit at this point and if we assume they are, they will only get the "windfall" for two years and she feels it will be a mess of trying to figure out who is making a profit. Ann felt that we should not get into the accounting business with these sanctioned shows. Bernie suggested that we modify this to say: Within thirty days of the show, if the organizer seeks a payout of \$1,000 for a period of up to two years. Caryn felt that every show organizer will seek that amount whether they have a profit or not. Katrin said that they will still need to ask for reimbursement within the correct time limit. History shows that has not been the case with many show organizers. Laura asked what we do for shows such as Delmar and Dillsburg where they are organized with other breeds where costs have been much more. Ann said that it is exactly the same rule. She felt that in at a mixed breed show or an Icelandic only show, organizers must only get an opportunity for reimbursement for the first two years. Anne asked if there was some language that explained in order to get the reimbursement; the proper sanctioning paperwork must be submitted in time to the Competition Committee Chairman. Bernie pointed out in the third paragraph under "J" it states that within two weeks of the show, the report must be filed. If this information is not filed within two weeks the show will not be considered sanctioned and then they would not be eligible for reimbursement of judge's expenses. Caryn felt that we should add that the reimbursement would only go to those who feel they need it. Again, Anne and Bernie felt that wasn't a good idea because we would then have to get into the finances of each event to be sure they qualified. Andrea said that she felt anyone could cook the books and show a loss on an event. Anne said that the document should say, after submission of the required reports and within 30 days. Barb asked if we would want to require show organizers to send in the receipts for travel expenses. Bernie said no because then we would get into figuring out if there was a qualified profit or loss of which we do not want to get into. Katrin suggested that we change point "K" saying this reimbursement is only available for shows who have filed their paperwork properly. Laura said that we could just say this reimbursement is only available for a period of two years. Anne and Bernie said that we are already saying that. Anne will work on the wording of this change and then inform Bernie of the correct wording. In the mean time Anne had worked on a proposed paragraph for this issue as follows:

"After submission of the required reports and within 30 days of the conclusion of the show, the show organizer may seek reimbursement of the travel expenses of the judge to a maximum of \$1,000. The request for reimbursement shall be accompanied by travel receipts and shall be available only for the first two years of the show."

Bernie verified that the only reason we need to see receipts is to prove if they paid more or less than the \$1,000 travel expenses. If expenses totaled under \$1,000, the organizer would only get the lesser amount. There were no objections to this change.

Bernie went back to the issue of housing judges. He was wondering if we wanted to be more specific about when they judges can stay with the competing organizers. In other words can the judge stay at the show organizer's home if they are competing, before and after the show? Caryn

felt that it was only o.k. after the show but not prior. Katrin wondered if people would want the judge to come before the show so people could learn something before competing. Caryn said that would be the ideal case but in years passed there had been a number of members who were very opposed to this. Bernie then verified that we should leave the document as it states on this issue for now. All agreed.

(Item #5) Heidi informed the Board that Congress was double charged for tickets and bicycles that the U.S. team did not order. She had sent the expenses to Ed and has tried to contact the organizer for a revised statement but had not received a response. Ed said that he did have the bill for the bicycles. Katrin felt that there was a mistake in the ticket order. Upon arrival there were not tickets for her so she had to purchase them on her own. However, she did not order any bicycles so thinks possibly that is where the mix up is. Bernie said that Katrin should work it out with Ed.

Constitution Review Committee Report (Andrea Barber): The committee finished reviewing and voted on final recommendations to modify the USIHC Board member voting time table to make it smoother and fairer for all parties involved. The revision will be put into proper format for submission to the secretary at the next annual meeting. Bernie asked if this needs to be voted on by the membership in relation to the next annual meeting, wouldn't it be necessary to submit it prior to that so it could be distributed. Andrea said that it will be put into proper format for submission to the secretary before the next annual meeting to be voted on. Bernie said that it seems this has to be submitted by the 1st of January so it can be voted on during the elections. Andrea said that it has to be submitted before the annual meeting. Bernie asked again if it is only voted on by those at the annual. Both Andrea and Anne said no. This issue must be voted on by the members at the Annual Meeting. Bernie said that this is considered an amendment to the constitution and the current constitution requires that it be voted on by the members. Andrea said to clarify. We cannot change the constitution for this upcoming election. The change will have to be for the following election because the vote will happen during the current annual meeting. Katrin asked if the Board will see the document before it is presented at the annual meeting. Her concern was that the wording might not be correct within our constitution and she felt it was important for the board to see it before presenting it to the members. Barb felt that it might be important for someone who is familiar without constitution to see that the wording is correct before it goes to the members. Andrea said the she and Anne are on the committee and the proposal will go to the secretary (Barb) prior to Andrea. Anne verified that the committee will report to us as to what they will propose. At that time the Board will go through the constitution to see if it conflicts with anything and revise any conflicting points if there are any. Anne said that is what should be done with every constitutional amendment.

Education Committee Report: Bernie read the Education Report that was attached to the agenda. Alex Pregitzer reported that there was a possibility to host a Judges Training Seminar at the competition in Kentucky from Nov. 14th through Nov. 16th with the show is Nov. 17th and 18th. There are approximately six to eight members who are interested in taking the seminar. Our previous experience with the Sport Judge seminars has been organized by Congress, as opposed to regional clubs. The first one was completed with a little bit of a profit, the next year we had two which netted out to a few hundred dollar loss. Alex is hoping for authorization from the Board to proceed with the plans for this seminar in Kentucky with the understanding that expenses will be similar to those in the past and then she can give more specific costs to those planning to take the seminar so members can decide if they would like to participate or not. Bernie asked the board for that authorization using the previous financial information as a guide for expenses at the seminar planned for Kentucky. Ed asked why we should have the seminar. Bernie said that there were six to eight people hoping to gain this education at the Kentucky location. Bernie also explained that in talking to Ann Elwell, she was struggling to find a scribe for the Dillsburg competition coming up soon. So there are not an excess of intern judges around the country. Ed asked if Bernie's thought process was this seminar could pay for itself but if not, the loss would not be a lot. Bernie said that was a good summarization. Caryn suggested that the cost of the seminar will be divided by the participants. Bernie felt that looks good from the viewpoint of the Board, however, if the participants of any event do not know the price up front, it

will be difficult to get a commitment from them. Sandie suggested that if the participants were worried about the price of the event, they might consider encouraging some friends to also attend. Caryn wondered if that in the past we had required a minimum of five participants in order to hold this seminar. Bernie thought that was correct, or even possible six participant qualification. Caryn remembers that we had discussed this before and a minimal number of participants were required. Bernie agreed and added that this should not be a problem since Alex informed the board in her report that she has between six and eight people interested so far. Caryn added that the cost of these events may be less if the organizer can plan well in advance for the flight arrangements. Bernie agreed and stated that was why he was trying this taken care of now because the date of this event is in November (two months away). Ann felt that the price of air fare is a little more reasonable during that time of year. Caryn felt that if flights were needed in the U.S. that holiday season may make it more expensive. Laura stated that the Kentucky show was the weekend before Thanksgiving and felt that from Europe, it shouldn't be a problem. Caryn again asked about the minimum amount of participants. She felt it was five, but both Ann and Andrea said that they remembered it was six. Barb added that when the judges training seminar was offered in Wisconsin, the participation level was good and the profits from that event covered the loss that was incurred at the California location. She felt that financial reports should be kept on these events so that the profit and loss can be tracked to be sure we were not netting losses on a regular basis throughout the country. She also added that this type of education covers our goals in the constitution as far as educating our members. Ann felt that there will be even more interest at this location. However, if this event is offered then there will be more confidence that the Kentucky show will be held and it will be easier for members to also commit to this event. Bernie said he would like to see the Board proceed on the basis of a participation of six with the anticipation of the fee coming down as more members sign up for the event. Caryn asked for clarification on this price. Bernie said that the expenses of the event will be divided by a number of greater than six. If there are only six participants, then Congress would pick up the netted loss. Ed suggested that the loss would probably only be a few hundred dollars and Bernie agreed that it was possible. Bernie also added that if there is an excess of a few thousand dollars (as in our first event in California) then the profits would go to Congress. Barb asked if someone is keeping track of the profit and loss of these seminars. She wondered if there was enough profit over the two years to cover any potential loss over the years. She felt that it might be a good idea to track this information so we can comfortably say that in the past this event has done well and we would have a profit to work with toward future Judge's Training Seminars and should start to pay for itself from year to year. Katrin asked if money made in one particular area of Congress always tracked in this way or if it all goes into one big pot. Anne verified that all monies go into one account. Barb said that when she hosted the event at her farm she submitted a report of income and expense and hoped that all farms organizing these events were doing this. Barb felt that if we kept a record of finances of these like-kind events, we would have a record of any profits and losses and that would keep us informed along the way if we should continue supporting these events or not. Ed said that this event has only been offered for a few years and the first one had a profit of approximately \$1,200 profit. The second one had a loss of about \$500 or \$600. Ed thought that there was a possibility of this upcoming seminar will make a little money because of the interest shown so far. But in case the minimum of six is not met then we would not have the seminar at all, however, if there were more than six participants then the probable expenses to Congress would not be a big number. Bernie agreed. Ed and Caryn did not have an objection to the financial plan of this event but Caryn would like to see some kind of official procedure so that when these questions come up, we have a plan set in place for future events. She felt it would be nice to have a policy in place so that these kinds of decisions do not have to be discussed at length every time. Anne Agreed. Bernie suggested that we implement Ed's summarization as a policy for future events and Anne could then add it to the Policy and Procedure forms that she is compiling. No objections.

Ann reports that her Policies and Procedures are still hand written and she hopes to have them typed soon.

Laura has been working on a Congress Brochure. The text has been sent to the Board for review. She also thanked Ann for the supply of old Congress brochures that were sent. Bernie

wanted to verify the reference in the text to the size of the Icelandic Horse and he would like to refer those who discussed this to the graph that is in the large Icelandic Horse book that shows how the horse has changed over time and that may be a basis for a more accurate statement regarding the size of horses now. Laura agreed and also asked that if there are any additions, ideas or changes to what she has presented so far, to please let her know.

Ann said there was nothing to report for the Quarterly Committee. Barb said that the members should just have gotten their September issue so it was right on time.

Katrin reviewed the Web Site committee report. Ann asked what kinds of edits are being done on the Constitution. Katrin is thinking that Doug assumes the board is working on the constitution and that is why he added (after edits are done) next to that issue. Katrin will verify it with Mark Peal. Ann said that it would be good for her to find out because the constitution cannot be edited without approval from the members.

Bernie reports that the online membership program is now working on the web site. One can pay with the credit card. Bernie had questions Doug as to why a person had to have an e-mail address to become a member of the USIHC. Doug was going to come up with a way that this could happen. Laura asked if anyone saw Doug's proposal on the web site on the proposal tracking system. Bernie did see it. Laura thought it might be a good idea for these proposals to be checked by someone on a regular basis. Caryn said that the proposal goes to whoever the chairman of the committee of which the proposal pertains. So we would not know about the proposals in that area unless Bernie would send it to the Board. Bernie thought it might have been a test of the system but Laura said that was not the case. It is an official proposal but also the first one on the tracking system to test the program. Bernie said that he will follow up on the proposal. Katrin asked how each chairman will be informed of proposals that would pertain to her committee. Bernie said that she will get a personal e-mail to that effect; however, each committee chair can go to the web site and click the prompt at the bottom of the list of committees to access the proposal tracking system on their own.

Barb Riva reports that she has not yet gotten any quotes to transcribe the annual meeting minutes of March 2007.

Katrin is continuing to work on the plans for the 2008 annual meeting and will submit it in its entirety when she is completed. She's fairly certain to have something completed for us to review at the October Board meeting.

Bernie asked the Board if we should allow a member to access the membership list and look up the address of other members. Andrea is adamant that youth information should not be accessed at all. Board members agreed with that. Anne feels that there are a number of good events that are not readily known about other than members living in the immediate area of the event. Andrea felt that the regional clubs could work together more in some of the events that are offered. Caryn felt that if members indicate they do not want their contact information public, then we would have to honor that request. Bernie will contact Doug to be sure he can implement this issue into the membership list program. To verify, Bernie said that contact information will not be shown of Youth Members and of those members who indicated they wanted their contact information kept personal. Andrea wanted to make sure that the youth of the family memberships (youth under the age of 18) will also not be listed. Barb wondered that without listing the youth of family members, how we will be able to verify if they are youth to qualify for certain youth events. Caryn said that there is an area in the data base that will be able to verify that. Caryn said that the web site membership list will only have their name and no other information. She can also go into the data base and ask for all youth members and it will give her that information. Bernie said that data base would probably not be accessible to the rest of the board. Caryn wasn't sure what Doug had put into the program. Bernie will verify that with Doug. In Doug Smith's report, Bernie asked if anyone had a problem with what was submitted regarding someone having access to change an e-mail address. Bernie felt that this was not going to be an issue and the rest of the Board agreed.

Bernie reports that Doug Smith volunteered to take over the position of the chair of the web site committee. Bernie tried to phone Mark Peal to see what his feelings were about this. However, Alice Peal said that Mark enjoys working with Doug. Andrea asked if Mark is aware of this request and Bernie felt he didn't think so. Andrea felt that this should be discussed with Mark first and then brought back to the Board. Bernie will coordinate this between Mark and Doug. Anne was concerned that whoever takes on this responsibility that the information get up on the site as quickly as possible the way Asta took care of the updates for us. Laura said the Doug is very consistent with updating the regional club web site and there should not be a problem with his availability to do this for Congress.

Anne would like Congress envelopes for mailings of Board events. Barb said that there are labels for this purpose. Barb said that she has some and can send them to Anne.

Bernie then asked Sandie if she got the new letter head from him. Sandi said that it did not have the information on it. Katrin said that if she printed it, the information would show up. Sandi said she did not have that and Bernie will send it again. Katrin asked if this could be put into the yahoo list so everyone could download it from there. Bernie will send it to the Board.

Anne is having a problem finding a scribe for Dillsburg who is familiar with Iceltest. She is finding that there are two members who know this program well and they are David Kline and Alex Pregitzer. Barb asked if she checked with Maik Leikwig in Minnesota. Anne said that she does not qualify as a scribe because she is not on the sport committee. Katrin said that a separate person can enter the scores into Iceltest that is not a scribe. Scribes are actually too busy to do this during the judging and it's much easier to input the information after the class or event the show is completed. However, Anne felt that that this information needs to be taught. Anne felt that this would be a good hands-on seminar to be offered at the annual meeting. The Board agreed.

Anne reported that she is starting to see some incidents at shows where she felt riders should be cautioned or 'yellow-carded' during some harsh riding at some of the shows. She said that they used to have a letter that was given to the judges before a sanctioned show that informed them that many of our riders are new or unfamiliar to Icelandic Horses. At times equipment may be used in an inappropriate manner or riders may behave toward a horse or another person in an inappropriate manner and we would really appreciate it if the judges would deal with this and not let it pass. Caryn has this letter in her files and Anne feels we should again be using this letter for our sanctioned shows. Anne will send a copy of it to the Board for further review. All agreed.