



USIHC Board Conference Call Minutes

May 10, 2022

8:00PM (Eastern)

Present: Virginia Lauridsen, Will Covert, Leslie Chambers, Jeff Rose, Emily Potts, Lori Cretney, Lucy Nold, Janet Mulder, Martin Nielsen.

Absent: None.

Auditing: None.

Will Covert called the meeting to order at 8:02pm EDT.

1. SECRETARY'S REPORT (MARTIN NIELSEN)

As of May 10, 2022, the USIHC has 782 Members in 593 Households.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT (LORI CRETNEY)

Reports are attached for April. The monthly financial statements include a detailed breakdown of the cash owned by the Congress. The key figures from the April breakdown are:

Combined bank account balances as of 4/30/22:	\$159,425.61.
Unrestricted membership funds as of 4/30/22:	\$139,028.01.
Net Change from 3/31/22:	\$2,150.32
Net Change from 12/31/21:	\$10,266.61

Due to recent scam attempts to request payment from the treasurer, the board agreed to a two-step verification process, where a request made by email is followed up by verification via text or phone call.

3. AFFILIATED CLUB COMMITTEE REPORT (LESLIE CHAMBERS)

See attached report.

4. BREEDING COMMITTEE REPORT (VIRGINIA LAURIDSEN)

The Breeding Committee met on April 18 and discussed the breeding assessments scheduled for 2022 and then went on to discuss the letter about hyper-mobility. Minutes attached. There wasn't a consensus within the committee about the issue, but the committee agreed that Virginia Lauridsen should discuss it with members of the FEIF breeding committee at the annual meeting.

5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT (WILL COVERT AND JEFF ROSE)

The Trainer Certification committee met on April 19 and discussed what remains to be completed (final tests and study guide). The committee divided assignments and will continue to meet frequently until finished. The online application form and the study guide need to be ready on June 1.

The committee also asked that the board consider a payment plan if the application fee is high. The board briefly discussed this and agreed that a payment plan could be acceptable. The specifics will be developed.

6. LEISURE COMMITTEE REPORT (JANET MULDER)

S2SS ride checkpoints are attached.

7. PROMOTIONS AND WEBSITE REPORT (EMILY POTTS)

The website updates are described under the sport committee.

8. QUARTERLY COMMITTEE REPORT (NANCY BROWN)

See attached report.

9. SPORT COMMITTEE REPORT (MARTIN NIELSEN)

Ten people have signed up for the judging seminar. The Zoom preparatory module organized by Alex Pregitzer is scheduled for May 7. The CIA show generated the first show report with the horse FEIF ID numbers included. The data appear to have been imported correctly, but the US bred ranking will be changed to be based on a single score. The spring virtual show is live, and Leslie has held a few first riders' meetings, which have been well-received.

10. YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT (LUCY NOLD)

The pen pal program has been advertised, but no signups have been received yet.

11. Old Business

12. New Business

- a. Virginia Lauridsen; recap of the FEIF Conference.

Virginia participated in this year's FEIF Conference in Norway and found it very productive. One idea was to develop a winter webinar program on various topics relevant to Icelandic horses. This could include how to properly ride a breeding show, saddle fitting, the gaits of the Icelandic horse etc. The board liked the idea and Virginia will be developing a list of topics for the next meeting.

- b. Frozen semen rules discussion. Draft attached.

The board reviewed the draft, and determined that it needed further development and refinement. Jeff Rose is going to make suggested edits for further discussion at the next meeting.

13. Miscellaneous.

Next meeting will be on June 21, 2022 at 8pm EDT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11pm EDT
Martin K Nielsen, secretary

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.

Balance Sheet

As of April 30, 2022

05/03/22

	Apr 30, 22
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Associated Checking acct.	53,374.65
Associated Money Market Acct.	96,050.96
Total Checking/Savings	149,425.61
Other Current Assets	
CD2884 own USIHC mature 4/7/22	2,000.00
CD3696 ownUSIHC mature 10/7/22	2,000.00
CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	
CD 3746-matures 4/15/22	3,000.00
CD 3720-matures 10/11/21	3,000.00
Total CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	6,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	10,000.00
Total Current Assets	159,425.61
Other Assets	
Blood Profile Funding Refund	-5,000.00
Total Other Assets	-5,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	154,425.61
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Unexpended Educational Outreach	207.91
Unexpended Breeding Fund	954.74
Unexpended Judge Schlshp. Fund	4,000.00
Unexpended World Champshp Fund	6,627.35
Unexpended Youth Funds	8,607.60
Total Other Current Liabilities	20,397.60
Total Current Liabilities	20,397.60
Total Liabilities	20,397.60
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	96,926.56
Retained Earnings	26,834.84
Net Income	10,266.61
Total Equity	134,028.01
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	154,425.61

USIHC General Membership Funds

3/31/2022		4/30/2022
\$ 51,160.73	Checking	\$ 53,374.65
\$ 96,050.96	Money Market	\$ 96,050.96
\$ 10,000.00	CDs	\$ 10,000.00
\$ 157,211.69	Subtotal	\$ 159,425.61
\$ (949.92)	Breeding Fund	\$ (954.74)
\$ (207.91)	Educational Outreach	\$ (207.91)
\$ (4,000.00)	Judge Scholarship Fund	\$ (4,000.00)
\$ (6,612.95)	World Champ. Team Fund	\$ (6,627.35)
\$ (8,563.22)	Youth Fund	\$ (8,607.60)
\$ 136,877.69	USIHC Unrestricted Membership Funds	\$ 139,028.01

Net Change from 3/31/2022
\$ 2,150.32

12/31/2021 Balance Net Change from 12/31/2021
\$ 128,761.40 \$ 10,266.61

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Income & Expense Report
April 30, 2022

Income		Expense	
Breeding Committee Income		Competition/Sport Expense	
Breeding Manual	\$ 13.99	2022 Virtual Sport Show Exp.	\$ 273.02
Total Breeding Committee Income	\$ 13.99	FEIF World Ranking Comp. Fee	\$ -
Competition/Sport Income		Total Competition/Sport Expense	\$ 273.02
Ice Test Fee Income	25.73	Funding Programs	
Virtual Youth NR Entry Fees	\$ -	Flagship Event-Clinic	\$ 250.00
Virtual FEIF Youth Tryouts	\$ -	Membership Related Expenses	
NR Competiton Fees	\$ 72.34	Administration	
Total Competition Sport Income	\$ 98.07	Membership Postage	\$ -
Interest Income	\$ 2.51	Annual Meeting Expense	\$ -
Membership Related Income		FEIF Related Expenses	\$ -
Farm Listing	\$ -	Quarterly Expenses	
Stallion Listing	\$ -	Graphics	\$ -
Membership Dues		Postage for Quarterly	\$ -
Family Memberships	\$ 310.16	Printing	\$ -
Foreign Friend mbshp	\$ 75.52	Total Quarterly Expenses	\$ -
Individual Memberships	\$ 1,152.20	Service Fees	
Individual 3 Year Membership	\$ 288.54	Bank Fees	\$ -
Youth Membership	\$ 47.76	PayPal Refund Fees	\$ -
Total Membership Dues	\$ 1,874.18	Toll Free Line	\$ 15.55
Quarterly Income		Website	\$ -
Quarterly Ads Income	\$ 254.27	Total Membership Related Exp.	\$ 15.55
Total Membership Related Inc.	\$ 2,128.45	Promotional Expense	
Registry Income		Educational/Promotional Outreach	\$ -
DNA	\$ 354.16	Promotional Postage Expense	\$ -
Duplicate Registration Fees	\$ 47.76	RC Co-op Promo Exp.	\$ 300.00
Late Stallion Report Fees	\$ 100.00	Total Promotional Expense	\$ 300.00
Registration Fees	\$ 555.64	Registry Expenses	
Transfer Fees	\$ 144.95	DNA	\$ -
Total Registry Income	\$ 1,202.51	Clerical for Registry	\$ 297.00
USIHC Non-Member Fees	\$ (23.64)	Office Supplies	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 3,421.89	Registry Postage	\$ 136.00
Net Income (Loss):		Total Registry Expenses	\$ 433.00
		Total Expense	\$ 1,271.57
		\$ 2,150.32	

**United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Profit and Loss Standard
January through April 2022**

Income	Expense
Breeding Committee Income	Competition/Sport Expense
Breeding Manual	2022 Virtual Sport Show Exp.
\$ 27.98	\$ 273.02
<u>Total Breeding Committee Income</u>	<u>\$ 287.21</u>
Total Breeding Committee Income	Total Competition/Sport Exp.
\$ 27.98	\$ 560.23
Competition/Sport Income	Funding Programs
Virtual Youth NR Entry Fees	Flagship Event-Clinic
\$ -	\$ 250.00
Virtual FEIF Youth Tryouts	
\$ -	
Ice Test Fee Income	
\$ 25.73	
NR Competition Fees	
\$ 369.68	
<u>Total Competition Sport Income</u>	
\$ 395.41	
Interest Income	
\$ 7.42	
Membership Related Income	Membership Related Expenses
Farm Listing	Administration
\$ 1,808.56	Membership Postage
Stallion Listing	Annual Meeting Expense
\$ 47.76	\$ 160.69
	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
	FEIF Related Expenses
	\$ 2,262.11
Membership Dues	Quarterly Expenses
Family Memberships	Graphics
\$ 3,369.68	\$ 1,000.00
Foreign Friend mbshp	Postage for Quarterly
\$ 302.08	\$ 540.17
Individual Memberships	Printing
\$ 9,155.62	<u>\$ 3,065.37</u>
Individual 3 Year Membership	Total Quarterly Expenses
\$ 1,604.16	\$ 4,605.54
Youth Membership	Service Fees
<u>\$ 143.28</u>	Bank Fees
<u>Total Membership Dues</u>	PayPal Refund Fees
\$ 14,574.82	Toll Free Line
	Website
	<u>\$ 4,250.00</u>
Quarterly Income	Total Membership Related Exp.
Quarterly Ads Income	\$ 11,536.44
\$ 3,890.95	
<u>Total Membership Related Inc.</u>	Promotional Expense
\$ 20,322.09	Educational/Promotional Outreach
	Promotional Postage Expense
Registry Income	RC Co-op Promo Exp.
DNA	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
\$ 440.53	<u>Total Promotional Expense</u>
Duplicate Registration Fees	\$ 375.50
\$ 145.52	
Late Stallion Report Fees	Registry Expenses
\$ 684.08	DNA
Registration Fees	\$ 186.00
\$ 1,528.05	Clerical for Registry
Transfer Fees	\$ 882.00
<u>\$ 536.95</u>	Office Supplies
<u>Total Registry Income</u>	Registry Postage
\$ 3,335.13	<u>\$ 136.00</u>
	<u>Total Registry Expenses</u>
USIHC Non-Member Fees	\$ 1,224.25
\$ 125.00	
Total Income	Total Expense
\$ 24,213.03	\$ 13,946.42
Net Income (Loss):	\$ 10,266.61

Breeding Committee Meeting
May 9, 2022

Members Present: Kristina Behringer, Deb Cook, Lori Cretney, Sherry Hoover, Virginia Lauridsen, Hazel Lynn, Lucy Nold

Members Absent: Heidi Benson, Susy Oliver,

Virginia called the meeting to order at 7:03. Virginia began the discussion with her experience at the FEIF annual conference. She expressed what a positive experience it was to meet so many other Icelandic Horse enthusiasts. She relayed the discussion about hyper-mobility in the breeding meeting. None of the other countries have encountered this problem, but they were all open to hearing about it. If the U.S. has a specific directive to change something in the FEIF rules, we would need to submit a proposal to the Breeding Committee at the FEIF conference next year. The Breeding Committee would then vote on it and if approved it would be voted on by the Board the following year. None of the breeders that Virginia visited in Iceland were prioritizing "lift." Elsa Albertsdottir responded that every breeder is free to have their own breeding goal, so perhaps there is a specific breeder in the U.S. who is prioritizing this movement. The breeding judges who were present felt that it would be a mistake to breed for high action alone as "beat" is far more important. Elsa said that a horse with hypermobility would not be considered a "healthy" horse, which is part of the FEIF breeding goal. Heimir said that he is looking for free movement and suppleness in the shoulder rather than just "lift." Many breeding leaders wanted to know if there was scientific proof that "lift" alone causes hypermobility. Kristina offered to investigate the scientific research behind the diagnosis of hypermobility.

The committee then discussed the possibilities of doing Webinars. Perhaps an hour lecture followed by a Q & A. Some suggested topics are:

- Riding a Breeding Assessment (Virginia suggested that Olil could do this)
- Saddle Fitting (Mummi from Astund has volunteered)
- Correct Gaits
- Fertility in general on both stallion and mare side – breeding for the lay breeder. Timing of AI. Selection of breeding stock. (Kristina suggested this as an important topic in the U.S. now)
- Embryo transfer?
- Nutrition in Icelandics and Breeding Horses (Lucy suggested a vet could do)
- Genetics (Colors and DMRT3 Gene) (Lucy suggested someone from U.C. Davis)
- Micro-chipping

Virginia will speak to the BOD about the idea and try to organize some Webinars

Sherry asked about the Mock Evaluations – Is there a set format? Is there a guideline for judging?

Virginia will talk to Heimir to see if he has an idea how to best approach this.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Affiliated Club Committee Report for May 10, 2022

Chair: Leslie Chambers

Members: N=28

Upcoming BOD meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10 at 8:00 EST

Regional Clubs:

Promotion: Regional Clubs banner :

Clubs are encouraged to take advantage of the USIHC funding for these banners.

Promotion: Regional Club Banner Request Link:

Regional Clubs, here is the link to start the process of creating your joint banner with the USIHC. Em Potts will be assisting you, via this link. All Regional Clubs are eligible for banners, attending an expo is not a requirement.

The link to request banner:

<https://forms.gle/xftGYzruoDMWAmkB6>

Quarterly Promotional Copy Requests:

Promotional copies used by clubs at Horse Expos, fairs, Equine Affaire and the like, will come out of the Promotion Committee budget starting in 2022.

If your club anticipates a regular need for such copies, please contact Leslie Chambers, lchambers17@comcast.net.

Website Updates:

None

Regional Club Clinics/Schooling Shows - Policy #31, 2022
 (updated 5/6/22 LKC)

Regional Club	Region	Contact-ACC	Clinic/ Schooling Show	ACC Chair/ Calendar notification funds
Alaska IHA	Alaska	Ellen Halvorson	Jelena Ohm May 28-29 Arctic Arrow Farm, Wasilla AK	Yes/Yes
California IA	Mid-South CA	Asta Covert		
Cascade IHC	Pacific NW Portland OR/Vancouver WA	Lisa Roland		
Flugnir IHC	WI and MN	Eve Loftness		
Frida IRC	Mid-Atlantic	Carrie Laurencot	Mountain Trail Course Double C Farm May 29? Clarksburg, MD	
Hestafolk	NW Washington NW/Canadian Border	Lisa McKeen		
Klettafjalla IHC	Rocky Mountains	Angie Calve	Carrie Brandt May 28-29 Cheyenne, WY	Yes/yes
Kraftur	Northern CA	Carol Tolbert		
NEIHC	NE	Leslie Chambers	Carrie PreShow Clinic June 15-17 Thor Icelandics Claverack NY	Yes/yes
NWIHC	Pacific NW	Laura Harrigan		
Saint Skutla IHC	Central and Western NY	Andrea Barber	Carrie Brandt October 1 and 2 Sand Meadow Mendon NY	Yes/Yes
Sirius Ohio Kentucky IHC	Ohio and Kentucky	Sherry Hoover		
Toppur IHC	Iowa	Liz Appel	Skulason/Brandt March 19 and 20 Harmony Icelandics Truro IA	Yes/yes Funded

5/6/22 LKC

Teams	1400	1600	1800	2000	2200	2400
AIHA						
Alaska Arctic Riders						
Cascade NW Icelandics						
Cedar Tree Icelandics	5/1/22	5/1/22				
Frozen Tundra Tölter	5/1/22	5/1/22				
Hestafolk						
Hestafolk 2	4/2/22	5/1/22	5/1/22	5/1/22		
Ice Trekkers	4/2/22	4/2/22	4/2/22	5/1/22	5/1/22	5/1/22
Merrimack Valley Icelandics	5/1/22					
Merry Maryland Mares						
Northcountry Tölter	5/1/22					
Sirius Tolting Trekkers						
Solfaxi						
Solheimer Dream Team	5/1/22	5/1/22				
Coastal Maine Icelandics						
Toppur						
Tolt-A-Holics						
West Coast Tolting Girls	4/2/22	4/2/22	4/2/22	4/2/22	5/1/22	5/1/22
WYO Toltsetters						

Teams	200	400	600	800	1000	1200
AIHA	5/1/22					
Alaska Arctic Riders	3/6/22	4/2/22	4/2/22	5/1/22	5/1/22	
Cascade NW Icelandics	5/1/22					
Cedar Tree Icelandics	2/1/22			4/2/22	4/2/22	5/1/22
Frozen Tundra Tölter	2/1/22	2/1/22	3/6/22	4/2/22	4/2/22	4/2/22
Hestafolk	2/1/22	3/6/22	3/6/22	4/2/22		
Hestafolk 2	2/1/22	3/6/22	3/6/22	3/6/22	4/2/22	4/2/22
Ice Trekkers	2/1/22	2/1/22	2/1/22	3/6/22	3/6/22	3/6/22
Merrimack Valley Icelandics	2/1/22	3/6/22	3/6/22	4/2/22	4/2/22	
Merry Maryland Mares	3/6/22	4/2/22	5/1/22			
Northcountry Tölter	2/1/22	2/1/22	3/6/22	4/2/22	4/2/22	5/1/22
Sirius Toltng Trekkers	5/1/22					
Solfaxi	2/1/22	3/6/22	3/6/22	4/2/22	5/1/22	5/1/22
Solheimer Dream Team	2/1/22	2/1/22	3/6/22	3/6/22	4/2/22	4/2/22
Coastal Maine Icelandics	2/1/22	3/6/22	4/2/22			
Toppur	2/1/22	3/6/22	4/2/22	4/2/22	5/1/22	5/1/22
Tolt-A-Holics	2/1/22	4/2/22	5/1/22	5/1/22		
West Coast Toltng Girls	2/1/22	2/1/22	2/1/22	3/6/22	3/6/22	3/6/22
WYO Toltsetters	2/1/22	3/6/22	3/6/22	5/1/22		

2022 S2SS Ride		
Individuals	200	400
"Nilla" Anna Pernilla Ekström-Rypka		
Emily Potts		
Sue Roska		
Rachel Miller		
Debra Duvall	5/1/2022	
Pierre Lessard	3/6/22	5/1/22
Orianna Dwyer		
Jackie Thurston		
Lynda Zur	3/6/22	5/1/22

Quarterly Committee report
May 4, 2022
submitted by Nancy Brown

Issue Two 2022 of the Quarterly went to press on May 2. The e-Quarterly should be ready to be released around May 15, with printed copies mailed on June 1. We expect to print 600 copies of this issue, as budgeted. A few extras may be available for promotional purposes; please contact quarterly@icelandics.org.

Issue Two 2022 features advice on finding your perfect horse and helping it adjust to its new surroundings, an update on summer eczema research, portraits of an endurance horse and an “escape artist,” book reviews, and a report on the new Green Horse awards, as well as news from the USIHC Affiliated Clubs, the Board of Directors, and our parent organization, FEIF.

We are now open for submissions for Issue Three 2022, to be mailed in September. Please send articles, photos, and advertisements to quarterly@icelandics.org. Board members and committee chairs, please let us know if you want us to save space for you in this issue. Remember that ads for USIHC-sanctioned events are free, space permitting. Deadline for submissions for Issue Three 2022 is July 1.

Section (TBD – placed after the current Section 5). CERTIFICATES OF FROZEN SERVICE

- a. purchasers of frozen semen (foreign and domestic) must request that the stallion owner/agent complete the certificate of frozen service form. One (1) form will allow the registration of one (1) resulting offspring.
- b. the form shall then be sent in to the Registry with the applicable fee where it will be issued a unique identification number and returned to the owner of the frozen semen listed on the form
- c. no changes, additions, or deletions may be made to the form once it has been validated by the Registry. In all instances where a change, addition, or deletion (other than a change in ownership) is required, the certificate must be returned to the Registry where the change will be made at no charge.
- d. each certificate of frozen service validated by the Registry can then be used to register one (1) offspring from the listed stallion
- e. certificates of frozen service may be transferable if so marked by the stallion owner/agent on the original form. If the current owner wishes to transfer ownership, the form must be signed and sent in to the Registry with the applicable fee. The Registry shall then record and reissue the certificate to the new owner.
- f. to obtain a duplicate certificate of frozen service, the recorded owner must file with the Registry a letter satisfactory explaining the loss of the original certificate of frozen service, and pay a duplicate certificate fee. Upon approval by the Registry a duplicate certificate of frozen service will be issued to the recorded owner.
- g. certificates of frozen service may be permanently canceled by the recorded owner by filling out that section of the form, signing it, and returning it to the Registry. There is no charge to cancel a certificate of frozen service.

Section (TBD). REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF DOMESTIC-BRED HORSES BRED BY ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION (VIA FRESH OR CHILLED SEMEN)

- a. In the event both are in the U.S., all requirements of Section 1 apply.
- b. In the event the sire is not in the U.S., all requirements of Section 3 apply except subsections (b) and (c). ↓

Section (TBD). REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF DOMESTIC-BRED HORSES BY ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION (VIA FROZEN SEMEN)

- a. the following requirements of Section 1 shall apply without modification: subsections a, e, f, and g.
- b. an application for registration of the horse on a domestic horse form provided by the Registry has been completed (except for name and signature for owner or lessee of sire shall not be required) and signed by the owner and filed with the Registry.
- c. A valid certificate of frozen service form has been sent with the application for registration

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Commented [AB1]: In my opinion, this section needs to be revised because in its current state it really doesn't make any sense. We need to ensure that the sire is a DNA match (otherwise we can't be assured of parentage, or even if the horse is a purebred Icelandic) and it makes no sense for a foreign stallion to file a US stallion report, or have a foreign stallion registered with the USIHC.

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Deleted: in place of subsection (e) a copy of the sire's registration shall be provided. In place of subsection (f) a U.S. Stallion report pursuant to Section 5 must be filed.