



USIHC Board Meeting

February 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Called to order. Present: VL, JR, JM, AC, EM, SW, LN

I. President's Report -

- A. A riders meeting will be held in March prior to the show season for specifically new competitors. Virginia Lauridsen & Will and Ásta Covert will organize/present. Recording of the meeting will be available online for a few weeks following. Dates TBD.
- B. Next years FEIF Conference will be held in Budapest.
- C. Website discussion - contracting an individual for ongoing maintenance & eventual updating/reorganizing of the website, roughly 5-10 hours per week. Mackenzie Pittman will be asked to provide a presentation to the board during our March 11 meeting. VL motioned to pay Mackenzie \$500 month to maintain the website, JR seconded, and passed unanimously.
- D. Annual Meeting - February 22, Zoom link needs to be provided to Ebba
- E. Open board seat offered to Melinda Studstill, she has accepted and will be transitioning into the Leisure Chair position with the assistance of JM.

II. Secretary - 878 active members

III. Treasury Reports - ***See attached Budget coming soon!***

IV. Policy Changes:

- A. Policy 21 (USIHC financial support of affiliated clubs events such as equine affair, farm shows, etc). JM motioned to change the 2025 budget to \$5000 and updating the policy 21 to show as a \$500 maximum per club as 50% of the total spent by the affiliated club. SW seconded, approved unanimously.

21. Affiliated Clubs Promotional Breed Demo & Display Stall Matching Funds

USIHC may provide matching funds for breed demonstrations or display stalls at trade shows and events across the country for the purpose of promoting the breed and organization.

- 1. The total amount of funding for 2025 is \$5000 with a maximum limit of \$500 per event to be dispersed on a "first come, first served" basis.*
- 2. For every dollar spent from the affiliated club, USIHC will match 50% up to \$500.00. (to receive the full \$500, the club must spend at least \$1000)*
- 3. The funds are for the purpose of a breed demonstration OR for a display stall at the event.*

4. *Only USIHC Affiliated Clubs may request funding for this policy. Individuals who are requesting funding on behalf of their affiliated club need to also be current USIHC members in good standing at the time of the request through the end of the event.*
5. *Breed demo or display stall must be for promotional club purposes only, not an advertisement/sales opportunity*
6. *Each club can only receive up to \$500 per year*
7. *Requests for funding must be submitted to the USIHC promotion committee chair no less than thirty (30) days in advance of the event. Copies of the agreement with the venue and receipts showing the exact amount paid to the expo organizers must be provided prior to reimbursement.*
8. *After all of the above information has been received by the USIHC Promotion Committee Chair, it shall be reviewed for approval/denial of funding. If approved, the USIHC Treasurer will be notified to make the reimbursement, and if denied, a written explanation will be sent.*

Discussion on how the USIHC can help affiliated clubs education - JR will follow up with an email we can share with each club.

- B. Policy 31 (voted via email) I propose we offer \$300 regardless of where the trainer comes from or \$30 per USIHC member. Total budget \$3600.

31. Regional Club Clinic or Schooling Show Support

Policy #31 has been budgeted at most \$3600 for 2025 from the USIHC to support clinics or schooling shows, held by USIHC regional clubs \$300 per club, for the calendar year 2025 subject to the eligibility requirements below.

Eligibility:

1. *The event details must be submitted to both the Affiliated Club Committee Chair (affiliated_clubs@icelandics.org) and the USIHC Secretary (calendar@icelandics.org) for inclusion in the USIHC Calendar of Events no later than 1 month (30 days) before the event. (The club hosting the event must be in good standing with the USIHC at the time of event submission for inclusion on Event calendar.)*
2. *Each regional club will be eligible for not more than one \$300 grant in 2025.*
3. *Funds will be based on the number of USIHC member participants (in good standing at the time of the event). Clubs using USIHC recognized Trainers (those listed on the Icelandics.org website on Horse Trainer Page under Ride tab) or USIHC recognized Judges (those listed on Sport Judge Page, under Ride then Competition tab) would be eligible for \$30.00 per USIHC member participating, for up to 10 USIHC members. Total not to exceed \$300.*
4. *The regional club hosting the event must be in good standing with the USIHC at the time of the event.*
5. *New regional clubs formed after January 1, 2025, will be eligible for funding only if the budget allows and therefore are not guaranteed funding.*
6. *Upon completion of the event, the regional club will submit a list of all USIHC participants in good standing (names) and the total number of participants (USIHC and non USIHC) to the Affiliated Club Committee Chair.*
7. *Once the event has been approved as successfully completed, payment will be issued to the Regional Club by the USIHC Treasurer.*

Suggested (but not required): Affiliated Club include a write up of the event in the Quarterly.

- V. Next Meeting - March 11, 2025 @ 20:00 EST
- VI. Annual Meeting February 22 @ 1200 EST, link to attend will be available to anyone interested via FB/Website.

[January Financials 2025](#)