



USIHC Board Meeting

April 15, 2025 Minutes

Report of Officers

President - Virginia Lauridsen

Vice President - Jeff Rose

Secretary - Janet Mulder

865 active members (ask Emily on active vs. household numbers)

Timeline of Minutes posted to website - Janet will send the "approved minutes to Mackenzie to

Communications with Nancy Brown - "news" - remind Nancy that the BOD meetings are normally on the second Tuesday of every month at 8 pm Eastern.

Treasurer - Shelby Walker approval of financials - MS motion, CC second, all approve

Report of Committees

Affiliated Clubs - Jeff Rose

Breeding Committee - Virginia Lauridsen

Change to breeding - you no longer have to show the loose rein tolt to score higher than 8.5 in tolt. One breeding show this year at Harmony Icelandics June 11-12, 2025

Education Committee - Caeli Cavanaugh

First Module template completed "Intro to Equine Business Mgmt Lecture Series Template"

Education committee will create a subcommittee to bring a proposal to the board regarding how the modules will be distributed.

Leisure Committee - Melinda Studstill

Estimate for Sensation Saddle Giveaway \$1485.87 & shipping & brokerage fees. To bring attention to the S2SS ride anyone who has signed up and logged miles is automatically entered into the raffle for the saddle. Riders could get additional entries after passing mileage. We have a budget for leisure riders. Proposal of \$2500 or less for a Sensation Saddle Giveaway as part of the S2SS. - MS, JR second. Approved unanimously.

Sport Committee - Asta Covert

New updated FEIF rules have been posted, the main thing for the US is the general guidelines have been tweaked a little. No wraps on the bit allowed any longer. Changed the number of entries a horse can do per day to 3 only NR classes count.

Youth Committee - Lucy Nold

No applications for the FEIF Youth Camp happening in Iceland July 2025. Almost 20 applications for the North American Youth Cup.

Promotion and Website - Ebba Meehan

Guidance on when/what to promote.

Quarterly Report - Nancy Brown

April 8, 2025 - submitted by Nancy Brown

Issue Two 2025 of the Quarterly goes into the design stage on April 15. Our press date is May 1. The e-Quarterly should be ready to be released around May 15, with printed copies mailed on June 1. We expect to print 625-650 copies of this issue, depending on the size of the membership mailing list; please let us know by April 30 if extra copies will be needed for promotional purposes between June and September, as we have no back issues in stock. Issue Two 2025 of The Icelandic Horse Quarterly begins our Farm Spotlight series with a feature on Léttleiki, reports on the Virtual Education webinars on breeding, feeding, and transport, and introduces the National Team trainer, as well as sharing news from members, the USIHC Affiliated Clubs, the Board of Directors, and our parent organization, FEIF. We are now open for submissions for Issue Three 2025, to be mailed in September. Board members and committee chairs, please send us any news, photos, meeting minutes, announcements, or advertisements that you would like to share with the membership. Remember that ads for USIHC-sponsored events are free, space permitting. Deadline for submissions for Issue Three 2025 (mailed in September) is July 1. Please send all submissions to quarterly@icelandics.org.

Old Business

- S2SS Sensation Saddle Giveaway: Melinda will consult the Leisure Committee and provide BOD with suggested guidelines for Saddle raffle.
- Website - report from Mackenzie (Virginia will meet with Mackenzie on 4/16)
- USIHC Graphic ID/Corporate Identity. (deferred to Mackenzie/Ebba conversation)
- Possible WR show in MA June 2026 - proposal by Ebba (Track is not large enough)
- Interest in "Slack" communications method - proposal by Shelby (carry onto next meeting)

New Business

- Kydee Schwyz request for Midwest Horse Fair discussion - happened last weekend, Toppur funding also requested for Iowa Horse Fair, Shelby will take care
- Guidelines for publicizing events at members farm: BOD agreed that we would promote events with USIHC financial support and not independent events.
- Judging Seminar report - Virginia, more to come from Alex. 2 passed
- Tölt Sense / Virtual Show - discussion on ease of use.

Next Meeting May 13 at 8:00 pm EDT