

Minutes USIHC BOD Meeting May 3, 2006

Members in attendance: Andrea Barber, Caryn Cantella, Betsy Covert, Anne Elwell, Ed Hilgaertner, Barb Riva, Judy Strehler, Sandie Weaver, Bernie Willis

Visitors: Dawn Shaw - Cascade Club
Annette Coulon - Northern California Club

Letterhead - Discussed and decided via the board e-mail list. Approved. Martina designed it in a format so it can be kept on everyone's computer and used as a template. Andrea asked if everybody had received it. Anne did not. Andrea will send it to her.

Junior membership charge - Discussed and decided via the board e-mail list. Contained in the constitution, but not in practice. Decision to put it into practice and set the fee at \$35.00 – approved and posted on the website (Asta changed the membership form).

Schooling Show Handbook – Discussed and decided via the board e-mail list. Had the consensus of both the Education and Sport committees. Approved by board. Bernie will send to Barb for website.

Youth Cup Jackets – Three companies interested; Topreiter, Iceline, and a third company. Goertz George knows there are 6 riders. Warning by Sandie, if new tack is donated, it shouldn't be used on borrowed horses. A suggestion was made by Barb Riva that the Board limit sponsorship to items that don't go on the horse such as clothing, hats, whips, etc. Susan Peters had offered to donate jackets, but will wait now since Goertz George is working on a sponsorship.

Judge Training program - Will be discussed via the board e-mail list. Project to be finished by end of first week of June

Badge Order – Education committee says Badge program is ready to go and badges need to be ordered. Andrea will poll the RC for additional orders, then Bernie will place the order through Will Covert . Funds to come from Registry.

World Fengur for everyone – Caryn negotiating with Jon Larange. Plan to start next year. Tabled for now awaiting for response from Iceland.

Membership Directory – When is the cut off? Publishing it around election time will create problems if not complete. Directory usually put out at the end of the year. Barb Riva, shouldn't membership list be only those who are eligible to vote. Anne Elwell we need to clean up the constitution on this before that will work. For now the membership list should not be related to the ballots. Those who join on Oct. 19 or later in the year have their membership rolled over to next year. Decision – Membership booklet will be members from Jan. 1 through Oct. 19 of a given year. To be published and sent out with last Quarterly of the year. Andrea will contact Sara as Sara indicated she was still willing to work on this.

Sport Rules – Discussed and decided via the board e-mail list. Full discussion from Sport committee submitted to the board. Approved by board.

Asta Covert has volunteered to keep track of rider class eligibility and scores.

Judge lodging – Reaffirmed policy that judges may stay in private homes if the host is not competing. This applies to both sport competition and breeding evaluations. This policy is to be added to the application for sanctioned shows, the master list of policies and on website on appropriate pages.

Youth Cup Horse Selection Policy – Discussed and via the board e-mail list. Rich made minor corrections over what seems to be a final draft, Sandie to review and present to BOD via internet. Vote will be taken over the internet.

Brochure wording – Discussed and via the board e-mail list. Still under revision. Regional Club reps Dawn Shaw and Rich Moore also submitted changes. Anne Elwell will print out and show to individuals of the general public for response, correct if necessary and send to BOD for final approval.

Evaluation Rules – Discussion began via the board e-mail list. FEIF has made significant changes that we need to address immediately. National breeding shows will no longer be able to be entered into WF. International breeding evaluations will be able to be entered but they have many additional requirements. International shows also require three judges instead of two. Anne contact Pa Finn and he did wave that requirement for the US. The new requirements include the x-raying of stallions for spavin, DNA parental verification of stallions, and microchipping. Anne indicates judges can do the microchipping. Andrea asks where do they get the equipment for this? Caryn what about the X ray for Spavin, where will the central reviewing place be? What microchipping system will we use? X rays are costly, involve stallions only five years and older, Perhaps we could ask Pa Finn for some relief, extension or leniency, on the X rays. Anne will check with her vet about places for checking X rays. Andrea mentions that Cornell may be a possibility. What ever we have to do to get scores in WF we will do. Anne to call Finn tomorrow.

Caryn, Brian Putin asked about bill for evaluations. Anne to make sure fees were charged for international shows only. Perhaps we are due a refund since our shows have been national. Anne will ask Per Finn tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM Eastern time

Bernie Willis, secretary USIHC