

MINUTES
USIHC BOD MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2006

Members Present – Andrea Barber, Caryn Cantella, Sara Conklin, Betsy Covert, Anne Elwell, Ed Hilgaertner, Judy Strehler, Sandie Weaver, Bernie Willis

Representatives from Regional Clubs

Dawn Shaw – The Cascade Club

Doug Smith – Northern California Icelandic Horse Club

Barb Riva – The Flugnir Club

USIHC Office – Sophie had decided to discontinue her services as the keeper of the congress office with the closing of Anne's law practice. The new congress office will be at the residence of Bernie Willis. He will be in charge of the congress e mail, phone and fax.

Handbook – The annual handbook or directory of the congress for 2006 will include policies of note up to the time of publication. The new policy *Requirements for Proposals* will be included.

Annual Meeting – Various proposed agenda items will be addressed by board members familiar with the area of concern. The congress booth will be on display. Regional Clubs are encouraged to display their last year's events through pictures. Committee reports and agenda items are expected to fill the day. Friday evening the Texas Tolters are providing a demo at 7PM at a nearby farm. Board members with oldies but goodies video of past riding are encouraged to share them with Sara for a presentation.

Vice President – Earlier this month Rich Moore brought to our attention that we were out of step with our constitution for not having a vice president. It was an oversight on our part in not including these duties for Judy Strehler as she is the replacement for Anita Sepko. Judy is the vice president.

Riding Badge Program – This program is approved with the following corrections: 1. Redo the intro to reflect that the students pay for the services of the examiner. 2. The USIHC reserves the right to approve examiners. 3. Change incorrect entries as noted by Caryn.

Requirements for Proposals – The methods of seeking changes in congress procedures as conceptualized by Ed and edited by Anne is approved. It will become part of the Handbook for 2006 and go up on the website ASAP.

Website – Andrea is now the official website monitor.

Quarterly – With Sara's resignation effective at the next Annual Meeting, Judy Strehler will become the chairperson of the Quarterly Committee. She will be in charge of its editing and publication. Sara will outline the procedures and work with her for the next issue at least.

Youth – Sandie reports that there have been no entries so far for the Spaejari award. Youth Cup entry deadline is Feb. 28th. Seven youth are expected to try out.

The meeting concluded about 10:30 Easter time.

Respectfully submitted by Bernie Willis, Recording Secretary