

US Icelandic Horse Congress Annual Meeting Agenda

Saturday January 15, 2011

- 9AM Opening Remarks –
Summary of board meeting from previous evening
- 10AM Officer & Committee reports
President [Anne Elwell]
Treasurer [Kari Pietsch-Wangard]
Secretary [Doug Smith]
Registrar [Ásta Covert]
Breeding [Katrin Sheehan]
Education [Alex Pregitzer]
Pleasure Riding [Ellen Wilson]
Promotion [Cindy Wescott]
Quarterly Magazine [Anne Elwell]
Regional Clubs [Lori Gillespie]
Sport [Will Covert]
Website [Doug Smith]
Youth [Sam Castleman]
- 11:15AM Constitutional amendment and other new business
- 12:30PM Lunch on your own.
- 2PM Seminar by Barbara Frische presented by Katrin Sheehan.
- 6PM Reception (*Cash Bar*)
- 7PM Awards dinner

Constitutional Amendment

Proposed changes are ***bold italic*** and wording to be removed is ~~struck through~~:

Article VII (Board of Directors) Section 4.

No two ***related*** Directors, ***either by blood, marriage or common law***, may be elected ***or appointed*** ~~from the same family~~ ***to serve in a board capacity concurrently.***

Reason for amendment

This change solidifies the fact that no two active Directors may be related regardless of appointment to fill a vacancy or election by the membership.

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USIHC
Balance Sheet Standard
 As of December 31, 2010

	Dec 31, '10
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Associated Checking acct.	18,374.77
Associated Money Market Acct.	105,945.84
Total Checking/Savings	124,320.61
Other Current Assets	
CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	
1 yr CD-#2201262884	1,000.00
2 yr CD-#2201262991	2,003.24
4 yr CD-#2201263072	7,431.66
Total CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	10,434.90
Total Other Current Assets	10,434.90
Total Current Assets	134,755.51
Other Assets	
FEIF prepaid expenses (credits)	2,477.02
Total Other Assets	2,477.02
TOTAL ASSETS	137,232.53
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Unexpended 2011 WC Fund	3,352.83
Unexpended Judge Schlshp. Fund	10,000.00
Unexpended Youth Funds	3,994.44
Total Other Current Liabilities	17,347.27
Total Current Liabilities	17,347.27
Total Liabilities	17,347.27
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	96,926.56
Retained Earnings	8,095.73
Net Income	14,862.97
Total Equity	119,885.26
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	137,232.53

USIHC
Income / Loss Report
December 2010

Income		Expense	
Interest Income	35.01		
Membership Related Income		Membership Related Expenses	
2011 A/M Dinner Inc.	450.00		
Farm Listing			
2011 Farm listing	<u>1,627.67</u>		
Total Farm Listing	1,627.67		
Membership Dues			
2011 Membership Dues			
2011 Family Membership	1,973.39		
2011 Individual Membership	3,795.94		
2011 Youth memberships	<u>68.68</u>		
Total 2011 Membership Dues	<u>5,838.01</u>		
Total Membership Dues	5,838.01		
Quarterly Inc.		Quarterly Expenses	
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	<u>375.00</u>	postage for Quarterly	455.12
Total Quarterly Inc.	375.00	Quarterly Printing	<u>1,268.47</u>
		Total Quarterly Expenses	1,723.59
Website Inc.			
Stallion Book Inc.	20.00		
Website Ad Inc.	<u>378.13</u>		
Total Website Inc.	<u>398.13</u>		
Total Membership Related Income	8,688.81	Total Membership Related Expenses	<u>1,723.59</u>
Pleasure Rider Program Inc.		Promotional Exp.	
2010 PRP Mbshp. Inc.	15.00	Booth Expense	300.00
2011 PRP Program Inc.		Equine Affair Exp.	562.63
2011 PRP Adult fee	<u>162.54</u>	Other Promotional expenses	301.18
Total 2011 PRP Program Inc.	<u>162.54</u>	Promotion Material Printing exp	<u>577.50</u>
Total Pleasure Rider Program Inc.	177.54	Total Promotional Exp.	1,741.31
Registry Income		Registry Acct. Expense	
Duplicate Registration fees	98.25		
Late Stallion Report fees	297.10	Clerical for registry	119.00
Registration fees	969.44	Registry Postage	<u>40.00</u>
Transfer fees	<u>252.78</u>	Total Registry Expense	159.00
Total Registry Income	1,617.57		
USIHC Non-Member fees	<u>50.00</u>		
Total Income	<u>10,568.93</u>	Total Expense	<u>3,623.90</u>

Net Income: 6,945.03

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Income/Expense Report
January through December 2010

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<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	2010 Category + (-)	2009 Category + (-)
		Competition Comm. Expense		
		National Ranking Award Expense	609.00	(1,134.95)
		Total Competition Comm. Expense	<u>609.00</u>	
Education Seminar Inc.		Education Seminar exp.		
2010 A/M Education seminar Inc.	320.00	2010 Ed. Seminar at Annual Meet	286.72	
2010 KY Seminar Inc.	2,900.00	2010 KY Seminar - July 30	3,337.44	
Riding Badge Inc.	<u>200.00</u>	Total Education Seminar exp.	<u>3,624.16</u>	(204.16)
Total Education Seminar Inc.	<u>3,420.00</u>			(1,651.87)
		Elwell Breeding Award	65.65	(216.66)
FEIF Evaluation fees for 2010	465.00	FEIF Evaluation fees for 2009	466.86	(1.86)
Interest Income	617.95			558.10
Membership Related Income		Membership Related Expenses		
		Annual Meeting Exp.		
		2010 Annual Meeting		
2010 A/M Dinner Inc.	1,850.00	2010 Annual Meeting dinner exp.	2,040.75	(190.75)
2011 A/M Dinner Inc.	450.00	2010 Annual Meeting Room Exp.	<u>615.52</u>	
		Total 2010 Annual Meeting	2,656.27	(806.27)
		2011 Annual Meeting		
		2011 Annual Meeting Notice	<u>275.85</u>	(441.09)
		Total 2011 Annual Meeting	<u>275.85</u>	
Farm Listing		Total Annual Meeting Exp.	<u>2,932.12</u>	
2010 Farm Listing	1,844.48			4,976.76
2011 Farm listing	<u>1,842.05</u>			
Total Farm Listing	<u>3,686.53</u>			
		Election exp.	305.24	(197.56)
		FEIF related expenses		
FEIF Conf. Reimbsmt.	4,557.01	FEIF Conf. exp.	4,537.02	
		FEIF Mbshp fees	1,582.26	(1,515.40)
		Wire fees for FEIF pmts.	<u>40.00</u>	(40.00)
		Total FEIF related expenses	<u>6,159.28</u>	

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Income		Expense	2010 Category + (-)	2009 Category + (-)
Membership Dues		Administration		
2010 Membership dues		Mbshp. Postage		
2010 Family Membership	3,946.77	Office Exp.	80.34	
2010 Foreign Friend	66.97	Special Awards Exp.	96.68	
2010 Individual Membership	8,754.20	<u>Special Awards Exp.</u>	69.89	
2010 Youth memberships	341.77	Total Administration	246.91	(1,600.68)
Total 2010 Membership dues	<u>13,109.71</u>	Insurance	681.00	(681.00)
		Service fees		
2011 Membership Dues		Bank Fees		
2011 Family Membership	2,415.25	Wire fees	53.91	
2011 Individual Membership	4,273.23	Bank Fees - Other	103.00	
2011 Youth memberships	68.68	Total Bank Fees	156.91	
Total 2011 Membership Dues	<u>6,757.16</u>	Paypal refund fee	0.30	
International fees	0.00	Total Service fees	157.21	7.00
Total Membership Dues	<u>19,866.87</u>			
		Quarterly Expenses		
Quarterly Inc.		Graphics	5,000.00	5 issues 3 issues
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	3,393.94	postage for Quarterly	2,009.54	4 issues 4 issues
Quarterly back issue sales	30.00	Quarterly Printing	5,133.61	4 issues 4 issues
Total Quarterly Inc.	<u>3,423.94</u>	Total Quarterly Expenses	12,143.15	(8,719.21) (6,284.28)
		WorldFengur Exp.	607.23	(593.91)
Website Inc.				
Stallion Book Inc.	20.00	Website exp.	193.40	367.26 1,331.11
Website Ad Inc.	540.66	Total Membership Related Expenses	23,425.54	10,969.47 14,577.99
Total Website Inc.	<u>560.66</u>			
Total Membership Related Income	<u>34,395.01</u>			
		Pleasure Rider Program Exp.		
Pleasure Rider Program Inc.		09 PRP Award expense	758.58	
2010 PRP Mbshp. Inc.	615.11	Total Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	758.58	89.43 358.47
2011 PRP Program Inc.				
2011 PRP Adult fee	220.94			
2011 PRP Jr mbshp fee	11.96			
Total 2011 PRP Program Inc.	<u>232.90</u>			
Total Pleasure Rider Program Inc.	<u>848.01</u>			

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Income	Expense	2010 Category + (-)	2009 Category + (-)
	Promotional Exp.		
	Booth Expense	300.00	
	Display booth shipping	81.70	
	Equine Affair Exp.	1,453.63	
	Other Promotional expenses	1,425.72	
	Promotion Material Printing exp	577.50	
	Promotional Advertising	700.00	
	RC Co-op promo exp.	120.00	
	Total Promotional Exp.	4,658.55	(6,017.85)
Registry Income	Registry Acct. Expense		
Duplicate Registration fees	Clerical for registry	4,458.00	
Late Stallion Report fees	Printing & reproduction-Regist.	222.23	
Registration fees	Reg. Office supplies	84.34	
Transfer fees	Reg. WorldFengur Sbscrptn exp.	136.27	
Total Registry Income	Registry Postage	389.55	
	Total Registry Acct. Expense	5,290.39	9,049.86
USIHC Non-Member fees	Youth Exp.		
USIHC Non-registration fees	Spaejari Award	50.00	7,633.83
	FEIF Youth Cup Exp.		1,354.28
FEIF 2010 Youth Cup Reimbursement	2010 Youth Cup Exp.	5,563.32	380.00
	Total Youth Cup Exp.	5,563.32	(2,638.80)
	Total Youth Exp.	5,613.32	(2,688.80)
Total Income	Total Expense	59,375.02	44,512.05
	Net Income:	14,862.97	12,655.08

Actual Cash Owned by USIHC

12/31/09		12/31/10
\$ 13,281.95	Checking	\$ 18,374.77
\$ 95,564.32	Money Market	\$ 105,945.84
\$ 10,313.38	CDs	\$ 10,434.90
\$ -	FEIF credit	\$ 2,477.02
\$ 119,159.65		\$ 137,232.53
\$ (3,427.36)	Youth Fund	\$ (3,994.44)
\$ (710.00)	2010 Youth Cup Fund	\$ -
\$ (10,000.00)	Int. Judges Fund	\$ (10,000.00)
\$ -	2011 WC Fund	\$ (3,352.83)
\$ 105,022.29	USIHC Owned Funds	\$ 119,885.26

2010 Net Income: \$ 14,862.97

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Membership Dues			
2008 Membership Dues			
08 Family Memberships			4,772.67
08 Individual Memberships			6,877.08
08 Youth Memberships			<u>137.36</u>
Total 2008 Membership Dues			11,787.11
2009 Membership Dues			<u>2009 Total</u>
09 Family Memberships		4,455.81	2,424.01
09 Individual Memberships		9,239.80	3,637.52
09 Youth Memberships		<u>172.36</u>	<u>67.36</u>
Total 2009 Membership Dues		13,867.97	6,128.89
			19,996.86
2010 Membership Dues			<u>2010 Total</u>
2010 Family Memberships	3,946.77	2,807.75	6,754.52
2010 Foreign Friend	66.97	0	66.97
2010 Individual Memberships	8,754.20	4,579.28	13,333.48
2010 Youth Memberships	<u>341.77</u>	<u>67.68</u>	<u>409.45</u>
Total 2010 Membership Dues	13,109.71	7,454.71	20,564.42
2011 Membership Dues			
2011 Family Memberships	2,415.25		
2011 Individual Memberships	4,273.23	45.00	
2011 Youth Memberships	<u>68.68</u>		
Total 2011 Membership Dues	6,757.16		
International fees		<u>30.45</u>	
Total Membership Dues	<u>19,866.87</u>	<u>21,398.13</u>	
Registry Income			
Duplicate Registration fees	329.75	798.25	150.00
Late Stallion Report fees	2,577.90	2,390.99	3,200.00
Registration fees	8,238.38	7,465.41	9,180.00
Transfer fees	<u>3,194.22</u>	<u>2,572.48</u>	<u>2,640.00</u>
Total Registry Income	14,340.25	13,227.13	15,170.00
Registry Acct. Expense			
Clerical for registry	4,458.00	4,665.00	4,858.00
Registry Printing & reproduction	222.23	328.05	212.27
Registry Office supplies	84.34	47.96	576.37
Registry WorldFengur Sbscrptn exp.	136.27	139.06	228.28
Registry Postage	<u>389.55</u>	<u>413.23</u>	<u>563.95</u>
Total Registry Acct. Expense	5,290.39	5,593.30	6,438.87

2010 Secretary's Report

Doug Smith

Membership:

The general membership trend for the past several years has remained the same. Renewals are slow until the competition season begins then things tend to improve as members renew to avoid having to pay the non-member penalty fee.

This year's renewals are the lowest they have been for the same date since the data has been collected (2008). If past years are any indication, the numbers will improve in the next few months.

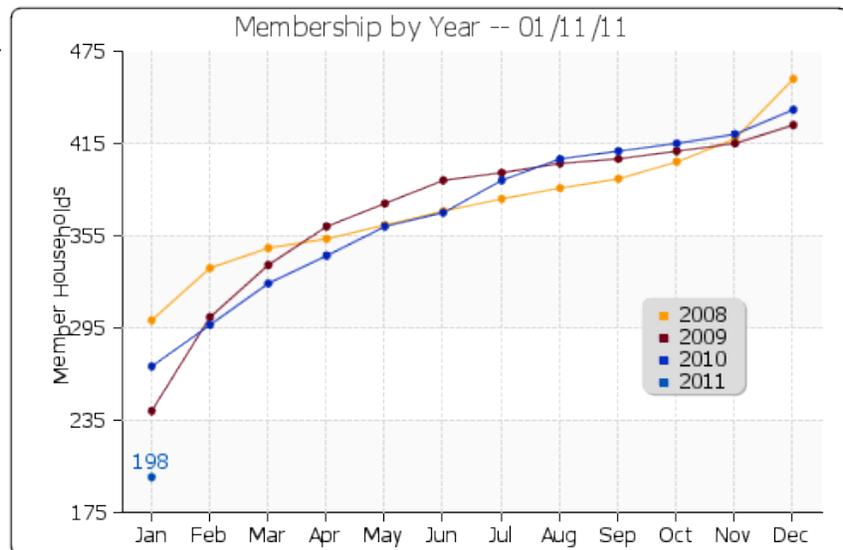
There is a possibility that the current low renewals are a reflection of the relative lack of enthusiasm for this year's annual meeting. There is anecdotal evidence that passionate interest in an issue to be decided at the annual meeting motivates some renewals so the members may vote at the meeting.

I will continue to include this graph in the agenda and minutes of each Board call in 2011 so we are all kept aware of the trend.

Telephone Numbers:

Effective September 2010, the Congress has a toll-free phone number to service general membership and Registry calls. The phone number is **866-292-0009**. Extension #1 is the general membership line and Extension #2 is the Registry line.

The Board conference calls will continue to be hosted by FreeConferenceCall.com using the same number as last year, **218-339-2500**. This number and the Congress PIN are available to any Regional Club or committee that would like to use the service. However, as the company's name implies, the conference line is free so anyone may simply subscribe to a new line instead of sharing the Congress line.



Annual Report: Icelandic Horses Registered for year 2010

	Domestic Bred Under 12 Months	Imported Under 12 Months	Domestic Bred	Imported from Iceland	Imported from Canada	Imported from other countries	Total Registered	Total Transfers
Mares	77	0	17	25	5	6	130	133
Stallions	41	1	6	2	0	2	52	17
Geldings	9	1	14	11	3	1	39	59
Total 2010	127	2	37	38	8	9	Total 221	209
Total 2009	74	2	54	57	4	7	Total 199	167
	53	0	-17	-19	4	2	22	42

2009: Total number of horses register 221

2009: Total number of horses transfer 199

Domestic Horses registered **2571**

Imported Horses registered **1693**

Total number of Icelandic horses registered with the USIHC 12/31/2010 **4264**

Recorded for 2010

Number of Mares Bred in 2009 152

Foals born in 2010 already registered 53

Microchips registered into WorldFengur 37

Breeding Committee Report for 2010

Evaluations

Creekside Farm (judges: Johannes Hoyos AT, Svanhildur Hall IS)

6 horses were fully evaluated
2 horses were conformation only

Mill Farm (judges: Barbara Frische US, Sigbjörn Björnsson IS)

8 horses were fully evaluated
7 horses were conformation only

Winterhorse Park (judges: Barbara Frische US, Johannes Hoyos AT)

17 horses were fully evaluated
11 horses were conformation only

All three evaluations had no special remarks by the judges.

A new microchip reader was purchased and tried. It worked well on all chips and is now part of the equipment case of the Congress.

Young horse evaluations

Barbara Frische could not perform all young horse evaluations, which were planned for 2010. Hopefully she'll be resuming her work throughout the country in 2011.

Young horses were evaluated at Creekside Farm, Winterhorse Park and several private breeding farms.

The acceptance of the linear assessment form is great and it has proven itself as a great learning tool for breeders, handlers and interested spectators.

Committee Work

The committee finalized the breeding handbooks for organizers and riders/handlers. The latest version will be published online soon.

Anne Elwell award

The 2010 award goes to Dan Slott as the breeder of Hamur from Mill Farm. Hamur was shown in the Mill Farm Breeding Evaluation in 2010 and scored 8.16 for conformation and 7.79 for rideability. With an overall score of 7.94, he is the highest evaluated domestic bred horse in the US.

<p style="text-align: center;">USIHC Annual Meeting 2011 Education Committee report</p>

“The purpose of the USIHC Education Committee is to further the goals of the USIHC and FEIF by developing and supporting programs to educate and promote general understanding of the unique qualities of the Icelandic Horse as well as its correct use as a competition and riding horse”

Review 2010

Certifications 2010

FEIF Trainer level 1 exam at Creekside Farm, Georgia

March 2010

Host: Creekside Farms, Madison, GA

Examiners: Nicole Kempf & Viona Herrlich

Participants passing the exam and getting certified:

- Dawn Shaw

Riding Badges Level 1

March 2010

Host: Solheimar Farms, Tunbridge, VT

Instructor: Sigrun Brynjarsdottir

Examiner: Jason Brickner

Participants passing the exam and getting certified:

- Rosie Breen

Riding Badge Level 2 Exam

May 2010

Host: Kraftur, Regional Icelandic Horse Club Santa Cruz, CA

Instructor: Heidi Benson

Examiner: Svanhildur Stefansdottir

Participants passing the exam and getting certified:

- Julia Hasenauer

- Kajsa Johnson

- Allison Moerer

- Ayla Green

- Madison Malkon-Pederson

- Sarah McWaid

- Alexandra Venable

Riding Badge Level 1 & 2 Exams

May 2010

Host: Red Feather Ranch, Trout Lake, WA

Instructor: Sara Sun Hee Schuh

Examiner: Ann-Christin Kloth

Participants passing the exam and getting certified:

- Darlene Arma
- Nathaly Jones (Canada)

Projects and accomplishments 2010

July 31 - Aug 1

Seminar “Horse conformation and correlation in riding and training”

Host: Marianne and Jim Welch, Gudmar Petursson

Clinician: Gudmar Petursson and Barbara Frische

Another seminar in Carolina with the same topic was offered, but the minimum participant numbers were not reached

Listing of certified trainers on the USIHC web site

- Easy access for USIHC members
- Listing is voluntarily, majority of trainers living in the US is listed
- trainers who are not in good standing with their USIHC membership are taken off the web site

Implementation of guidelines for FEIF trainer seminars

- Established guidelines including information on eligible participants, trainers, examiners, hosts, locations, administrative support, exams, re-testing, prerequisites and other details
- guidelines were effective Jan1, 2010.
- prerequisites were effective Jun1, 2010
- currency requirements for US certified trainers were effective Jan1, 2011.

FEIF trainer seminar materials

- completing negotiations with IPZV Germany resulting in the permission to translate the Trainer C teaching materials into English for use in FEIF level 1 seminars in the US
- starting the translation of the materials (work in progress)

Extraction of educational articles from the QUARTERLY

- Making past magazine articles for educational purposes and the well fare of the horse available to USIHC members and non-members (USIHC web site)

Development of FAQs for the Riding Badge Program

- published on web site and in the QUARTERLY

Development of a manual for Riding Badges level 1 and 2

- work in progress

Introducing free advertsing for riding badge seminars

- in the QUARTERLY and online

Random Contributions for the QUARTERLY magazine

- including book reviews

Overview 2011

Planned activities 2011

- Preparation course for FEIF trainer level 1 course at Creekside Farm, Georgia, Mar 2011
- Sanctioned USIHC seminar "Conformation and its correlation in training and riding" with Gudmar Petursson and Barbara Frische, Propect, KY, Apr 2011.
- FEIF trainer level 1 seminar at Creekside Farm, Georgia, Nov 2011.
- Finding locations on east and west coast and clinicians to team up with Barbara Frische to offer USIHC seminar "Conformation and its correlation in training and riding"
- General clinics, lectures and seminars for USIHC members – possible topics are being discussed and options checked out (First aid for horses on trail rides, young horse seminar etc..)
- judging seminar geared towards the certification of new intern judges
- judging seminar geared towards further education of intern judges
- train-the-trainer seminar for US trainers to further educate themselves
- breeding seminars in cooperation with the breeding committee
- considering membership suggestions. Members were voicing wishes for webinars and online information furthering education without the inconvenience and cost of travel.

Goals 2011 (continued from 2010)

- Offering ongoing education for members thru seminars, clinics, lectures, Quarterly book reviews and articles
- Offering education for members interested to become judges
- Offering education for members interested to become trainers
- Offering ongoing education for intern judges/judges
- Offering ongoing education for trainers
- Developing a yearly schedule of events offered thru USIHC Education
- Working further on some details included in the guidelines for FEIF trainer seminars in the US
- Marketing of the Riding Badge program as an educational tool
- Development of a manual for students and instructors for the Riding Badge Program
- Web site listing for Riding Badge achievements
- Support schooling shows

- Aiming towards being a link between the USIHC members and the USIHC committees, encouraging close communication and exchange of opinions

THANKS to:

- The USIHC members who were supporting our educational programs by participating in them
- The USIHC members who were supporting our educational programs by hosting a clinic, seminar or lecture at their farm and doing much work involved with it
- The USIHC board of directors for their ongoing support of the educational programs we offer
- Our USIHC board liason Sara Lyter for representing the education committee on the board of directors
- The USIHC education committee and its members for being a great and positive team with a common goal in mind
- Doug Smith for working many countless hours for this committee in one way or another, especially making information available on the USIHC web site
- The QUARTERLY for all support of educational programs and articles
- TOLTNEWS for providing the USIHC with past articles for our web site for educational purposes
- FEIF and Ian Pugh for their support, information and advice whenever needed
- IPZV for their support, information and advice whenever needed and also for their cooperation in our efforts to organize English teaching materials

2010 Pleasure Rider Program Results (Corrected)

Division Winners:

Central / Mountain:

1 st Place	Amber Parry	631 hours
2 nd Place	Cindy Nadler	471 hours
3 rd Place	Kydee Sheetz	410 hours
4 th Place	Karen Olson-Fields	402 hours
	Kari Pietsch-Wangard	342 hours

West Coast:

1 st Place	Lori Birge	337 hours
2 nd Place	Jan Gray	313 hours
3 rd Place	Ronelle Ingram	297 hours

East Coast:

1 st Place	Alice Ryan	233 hours
2 nd Place	Ellen Wilson	216 hours
3 rd Place	Elizabeth Haartz	137 hours

Youth:

1 st Place	Caleigh Anderson	358 hours
2 nd Place	Kelly Zhou	122 hours
3 rd Place	Nia Chantana	52 hours
4 th Place	Callie Rich	4 hours

All Stars:

1 st Place	Anne Owen	1092 hours
2 nd Place	Nancy Wines-Dewan	288 hours
3 rd Place	Donna Rich	183 hours

Club Winners:

It's a tie! LAIHC and FLUGNIR with 5 PRP members each.

Hour Awards:

100 hours patches:

Janet Boggs, Alice Ryan, Sue Staggemeier, Sheryl Togami, Kelly Zhou.

500 hour patch:

Nina Beyer

1000 hour vest and patch:

Walter Davis, Karen Olson, Amber Parry

2500 hour *Tölt News* subscription:

Anne Ownes, Nancy Wines-Dewan

2010 USIHC Promotion Committee Report

USIHC had displays at 3 trade shows in 2010. The first started out at the PA World Expo in February. In April USIHC had a breed display at the Equine Affaire in Columbus, Ohio. Lastly for 2010 USIHC along with Gudmar Petursson's Icelandic Horses, Pangea Icelandic Horses and the Icelandic Trade Council had a huge and very impressive display at the Equine Affaire in Springfield, MA. Attendance was good at all 3 events. A BIG thank you to all the volunteers that made these 3 events a success with the live demonstrations. Gudmar Petursson's performance team "Knights of Iceland" was in high speed for 2010 wowing crowds of people! His team had a presence at the WEG in Lexington, KY. The Knights of Iceland was seen in both Fantasia shows at the Equine Affaire. USIHC placed a full page in the new and popular "The Stud Book" The promotions committee is looking for any ideas on how to promote the icelandic horse out west so if anyone can help from that area please feel free to join our committee or call me with any suggestions.

The Quarterly and the Promotions committees came up with a plan that will allow members to go to www.icelandics.org and request a complimentary back issue of the *Quarterly* magazine along with a "hello" letter. So if anyone sells a horse or has a friend that has rescued a horse this is a great tool to introduce them to USIHC as well as the Icelandic Breed.

USIHC QUARTERLY COMMITTEE 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

submitted by:

Judy Strehler, chair of the committee

Nancy Marie Brown, co-chair and editor of the Quarterly

In 2010, the thirteen to fifteen members of the Quarterly Committee produced four issues of *The Icelandic Horse Quarterly*. Each issue was 52 pages long, with a total of 41 feature articles and numerous news items written and illustrated by committee members and other USIHC members.

Topics covered all facets of the Icelandic horse world, including: clinics and seminars, teacher and trainer profiles, training and riding techniques and resources, youth activities, competition (local to international), the health and welfare of the horse, pleasure riding, breeding and young horse evaluations, saddle fit, FEIF announcements, USIHC Board meeting minutes, and member's experiences. In addition to its ongoing commitments to showing the versatility of the Icelandic horse and to emphasizing the welfare of the horse, the committee has especially tried this year to include more articles and information targeted to beginners. The committee also discussed the importance of showing only "best practices" in photographs and is working on a better system to ensure that.

Issues were released electronically as PDF files and posted by the USIHC webmaster on www.icelandics.org on approximately Feb. 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15, and mailed approximately two weeks later. Design costs of \$1000 per issue included both the electronic (full color) and the print (black-and-white with color cover) editions. Costs for printing were just over \$1500 per issue for 500 copies; of these up to 384 were mailed directly to members, 30 were given to the Membership Committee for Welcome Packets for new members, and the remainder given to the Promotion Committee for promotional use. Postage (by the most economical bulk mail method) and handling totalled roughly \$500 per issue. Copies to our FEIF colleagues were sent electronically beginning this year; we also instituted print mailings to Canada and other countries through the Foreign Friends membership category. We are currently investigating ways to have those foreign copies delivered more rapidly.

In addition, the Quarterly Committee partnered with the Education Committee and the Website Committee to begin putting educational articles from back issues of the magazine up on the web separately to make the information more readily accessible.

A new initiative coordinated with the Promotion Committee and the Website Committee is to develop an easy way for members who sell or give away a horse to introduce the new owners to the USIHC by sending them a free copy of the Quarterly. We hope to have that process in place by mid-February.

2010 Regionals Clubs Report

Barbara Riva, outgoing Chairman of the Regional Club Committee:

In leaving my position I would like to sincerely thank the Congress Board of Directors for all their hard work in improving our National Organization. I took on the position of Chairman of this committee with the idea that it would be a task I could easily do with my personal time constraints. I leave this position feeling that the work I've done has not been adequate. I think Regional Clubs are at the front line of representing the Icelandic Horse in the U.S. My hope is that with a new Chairman, fresh new ideas can be implemented.

There have been a few changes with regard to Regional Clubs while I was chairman.

The ability to organize sanctioned breeding horse evaluations exclusively through Regional Clubs has been diminished. I think our National Organization has grown to the extent that this change will work well. It's my sincere hope is that by allowing anyone to organize these events, we may see more breeding horse evaluations available throughout the U.S.

The renewal process for Regional Clubs had been streamlined for last year. From what I've heard, this process had always been a bit tedious and difficult to complete. Doug Smith came up with a great renewal process where specific information just needed to be verified by first the individual regional club representative and then the Regional Club Chairman. It worked extremely well, especially in light of the fact that we were only required to have three Congress members in each Regional Club. With loosening up of that requirement, I did get requests for two new groups to start up. However, we later realized that this was misinformation that was not noticed until recently. Regional Clubs are still required to have at least five Congress members to be official.

I will be completing this year's renewal process at which time our new Regional Club Chairman, Lori Gillespie of the Texas Tolters, will take taking over. I wish her and the Regional Clubs all my best.

USIHC Sport Committee 2010

Sanctioned Shows in 2010

Location	FEIF International Judge(s)	Starting Combinations	Total Entries
Los Angeles, CA April 10,11	Åsa Eriksson	27	80
Santa Ynez, CA May 1,2	Nicolai Thye	34	99
Wisconsin June 18-20	Johannes Hoyos & Halldor Gunnar Victorsson	55	108
Tunbridge, Vt July 10,11 62	Einar Orn Grant	30	
Wisconsin August 13-15	Einar Ragnarsson	41	87
Tunbridge Vt August 28,29	Will Covert	20	81
Wattsonville,CA Sept. 18,19	Will Covert	22	85
Tunbridge, VT	Pétur Jökull Hákonarson	22	68
*Santa Ynez, CA Nov.7 th	Pétur Jökull Hákonarson, Will Covert, Einar Ragnarsson, Claudia Glück-Ragnarsson, Elisabeth Jansen	23	74
*Kentucky October 23,24	Pétur Jökull Hákonarson, Will Covert, Einar Ragnarsson, Claudia Glück-Ragnarsson, Elisabeth Jansen	48	118

*FEIF World Ranking competitions

2009 There were a total of 8 Sanctioned shows vs. 10 in 2010

Year End National Ranking 2009			Year End National Ranking 2010		
Award Winners			Award Winners		
Discipline	Rider	Average	Discipline	Rider	Average
T1	Asta Covert	8.00	T1	Asta Covert	8.65
T2	Anne-Marie Martin	7.55	T2	Anne-Marie Martin	7.55
T3	Lucy Nold	6.35	T3	Lucy Nold	7.20
T5	Kari Pietsch-Wangard	5.90	T5	Milena Frische	6.20
T6	Sverrir Bjartmarz	5.30	T6	Kari Pietsch-Wangard	5.33
T7	Berta Glazer	6.40	T7	Laurie Pristine	5.35
T8	Lucy Nold	7.65	T8	Rachel Ng	7.15
V1	Asta Covert	7.75	V1	Asta Covert	7.85
V2	Lucy Nold	6.60	V2	Lucy Nold	6.95
V3	Rachel Ng	6.25	V3	Amber Parry	5.90
V5	Dominic Ng	6.00	V5	Berta Glazer	6.00
V6	Lucy Nold	6.50	V6	Rachel Ng	7.15
F1	Gudmar Petursson	6.95	F1	Gudmar Petursson	7.03
F2	No Qualifying Riders for 2009		F2	Anne-Marie Martin	5.95
F3	Kari Pietsch-Wangard	5.78			

2011 World Championships Tryout

The Judge will be Þorgeir Guðlaugsson and the tryouts will be held middle to end of May. Þorgeir has judged more World Championships than any other judge and is a member of The FEIF International Sport Judges Committee and the Exam team that Certifies the FEIF International Judges.

2011 World Championships

The World Championships for Icelandic Horses 2011 will take place in Austria, at Islandpferde Reithof Piber in St. Radegund, August 1-7, 2011

For more information <http://www.islandpferde-wm.at>

Rules

New edition of FIPO-- FIPO is valid from April 1 until April 1 the following year. Every year in the end of March a new version of FIPO is published. This version includes all changes in previous years. This version (in English and German) is available for free download from the USIHC website.

USIHC Sanctioned Show Rules

Updated USIHC Sanctioned Show rules will be available prior to and go into effect on April 1, 2011

USIHC World Championships Team Tryout and Procedures

Revised and approved November 2009.

The process of selecting a World Championships team must evolve to keep pace with the level of competition in the United States. When the US sent its first team to the then European Championships, the goal was to have a presence to demonstrate to FEIF that the United States was a full member organization and the competition should be the World Championships. While, the United States is not ready to select a team using the methods employed in Europe, there are steps which can be taken to advance the process to the next level.

Goal

There needs to be a clear understanding of the goal of the tryout process. In the past, the goal has been to send riders to force the event to a global scope. That goal has been met. The next logical step is to send the best qualified horse/rider combinations to be competitive with the European horses and riders.

Tryout Prerequisites

1. Riders must meet all current FIPO requirements including being US citizens or holders of green cards for at least one year.
2. Riders must be members in good standing of the United States Icelandic Horse Congress for at least one year before the tryout entry deadline.
3. Riders must be ranked in either the World Rankings or US National Rankings in all their tests of choice for the World Championships tryouts.
4. Each horse may only be used by one rider in the tryouts.
5. The horse must be registered in the United States if the tryout (live or by video) takes place in the United States. If the horse is European, it must have a FEIF ID Number.
6. Riders must submit proof their horse is micro chipped.
7. Riders must pay the appropriate fees.

The tryout process must enforce the rules presented in FIPO. Further, in recognition of the World Championships as the pinnacle competitive event in the Icelandic Horse world, the United States must send riders who have demonstrated experience under FIPO rules in their tests of choice. It would be wholly inappropriate to send a rider who has no competition experience to the World Championships.

Tryout Process

1. The tryout entry deadline shall be set by the Sport Leader to be no later than the second Saturday of May in each World Championships year.
2. The in-person tryouts shall be scheduled between the entry deadline and the end of May.
3. The team members and team leader shall be announced by the Sport Leader by the first Saturday in June.
4. Riders must qualify by achieving the scores used to compete at the "master" level in Iceland: T1 6.5, V1 6.2, T2 6.2, F1 6.0. Any combination qualifying in F1 may enter any pace event at the Championships.
5. Riders who make the team are allowed to compete in any event at the World Championships as long as the event was ridden in the tryouts. Riders who qualify in F1 may ride any pace event at the Championships.
6. Riders must qualify on the horse they will take to the World Championships.
7. The same FEIF International Judge shall evaluate all domestic video and live tryouts.
8. Riders may participate in a live tryout event to be scheduled as practical throughout the country. A tryout video may be submitted as an alternative, if a rider is unable to travel to one of the scheduled events. Tryout videos must be made no earlier than 60 days before the tryout submission deadline. Riders trying out on European horses must compete in and submit scores from a World Ranking event held in the same calendar year as the tryouts. No international video submissions will be accepted.

The minimum scores must be held at a high standard if we are to meet the goal of sending a

team with hopes of making the finals in each test. The judging at the World Championships is, rightly, the most strict judging of any competition in the Icelandic Horse world. Given the logistical limitations of the US tryouts we must keep the bar set high for entry onto the team.

There needs to be an established relationship between horse and rider to compete at this level and under the tremendous stress introduced on the combination at the World Championships. In order to send the best team we must evaluate the combination not just the rider.

The United States is not ready to rely on rankings alone to determine its team. The World Ranking process is designed to minimize human error by excluding high and low scores and taking the average of the three remaining judges. Until 5-judge shows become the norm in the United States, the most practical way to level the playing field for the tryouts is to use the same qualified judge to evaluate all candidates.

Domestic video submissions are not the ideal method of trying out for the team. It is difficult to control and evaluate the tests based on a video tape. However, the United States is too large for it to be practical for all qualified candidates to be able to reach one of the limited tryout venues.

Ideally, the same judge would be used to evaluate the international and domestic candidates. With the requirement that the combination be evaluated, it is not practical for the judge to travel to all the potential European venues. Considering the difficulty in making and evaluating videos, international candidates shall be evaluated based on their performance at a World Ranking Competition. These events are judged by a panel of five judges with at least two required to hold international judging licenses. While this is not the same conditions as the domestic candidate, it is at least as fair as using a video. Without a doubt, this makes the application process much simpler for both an international candidate and the Sport Leader.

Team Selection

Following the in-person tryouts and the evaluation of all video submissions, the team shall be selected by first taking the highest qualifying combination from each test: T1, T2, V1, and F1. The remaining spaces on the team shall be filled by normalizing the scores of qualifying combinations. The combinations are invited to join the team in descending order until a full team is formed or there are no more qualifying combinations.

There are some exceptions to the simple traversal of the ranking:

- The four- and five-gait combinations are not considered in the selection of the team only individual tests. This is not likely to change the composition of the team in the foreseeable future and complicates the construction of the team.
- Per the rules of the Championships, each rider may only start on one horse. Therefore, only the highest scoring combination for each individual is invited to join the team. If the rider is part of more than one qualifying combination he may withdraw higher ranked combinations.
- Ties between combinations are broken as follows:
 1. Young riders defer to adults. This rule is applied first because we can send up to 3 additional young riders.

2. The combination with a higher (possibly non-qualifying) score in another test is chosen first.
3. Coin toss.

WC Starting Order

As long as the Team Leader is required to submit a starting order at the Championships, the starting order for each test at the Championships shall be determined by the combination's qualifying score in each individual test not by the ranking in the team.

2010 Website Committee Report

Doug Smith

Sponsorships:

The Committee thanks our loyal sponsors for continuing to generously donate to the funding of the website. We take pride that the website is not only generating enough income to cover all its expenses but to also help supply some of the general operating income for the Congress.

Server, Capacity, Fees:

We continue to use Future Quest as our Internet Service Provider. Future Quest has always provided us with terrific technical support and we can happily report there were no outages during 2010. The server supports the website, twenty-one mailing lists (and their message archives), and the working space for the *Quarterly* editorial team.

We have purchased 900MB of storage space from Future Quest. Typically we use between 85% and 95% of that space depending on editorial cycle of the magazine. Future Quest has notified us that they will be rolling out new disk space allocations to all of their existing customers at no charge starting in February 2011. Based on this announcement, there is no expectation that we will need to spend any more money on the website's technical care and feeding.

The website's traffic volume in 2010 is nearly identical to what we saw in 2008, our first year with Future Quest and the beginning of time with regard to traffic statistics for the website. In a typical month, we serve approximately 70,000 pages. Unfortunately, the 2010 traffic numbers are nearly 20% lower than the 2009 numbers. The committee hopes that the redesigned website might help boost the traffic numbers back up for 2011.

New Site:

The committee has nearly completed a complete overhaul of the website. We updated the look of the site as well as changed the home page and site navigation in an attempt to make the site more compelling, user-friendly, and functional. Once a few more of the membership database pages have been tested, the new site will be rolled out on the production server. Many of the following features can be seen on the screenshot of the new home page below:

- Martina Gates donated a beautiful image to be the background of the masthead on all pages.
- The menu that used to be down the left side of the page is now across the top.
- The pages are designed to be wider so more information will appear without having to scroll.
- The menu has been restructured to be oriented better with what people **do** with their horses rather than how the Congress is structured. All of the committee information is still on the site, however, it is less of the structure of the new site.
- The new menu provides hints to the content of each drop-down list without having to open the list. This should make it easier to browse the site.
- The home page includes the three most recent news items and three most immediate events on the calendar.
- The home page features the *Quarterly* magazine with the current cover image and a brief description of the current features.
- Our sponsors are still listed on the right side of the home page, the news page, and the calendar page.
- The login and search links in the upper right hand corner of each page make it easy to enter the members-only section of the site or use Google to search for information on the site.



Don't forget to renew your membership for 2011!

Membership Profile, Member List, Regional Clubs	Breed Registry, Search, Evaluations	Ride Compete, Pleasure Rider	Learn About the Breed, Article Reprints, ...	Train Trainers, Riders, ...	The Congress About, FAQ, Board, Committees, Archives	Contact Us Registry, Officers, Website help
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- Support the use and health of the Icelandic Horse according to international standards.
- Advance the study, breeding, and exhibition of the Icelandic Horse.
- Represent FEIF in the United States and represent the United States to FEIF.
- Maintain a registry of purebred Icelandic Horses.

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Recent news...

Riding Badge Program FAQ

The Education Committee has prepared a list of frequently asked questions about the **Riding Badge Program**. This list will appear in the December issue of the *Quarterly* and can be found [on the website](#).

[More news...](#)

Upcoming events...

- Jan 10 **Pleasure Rider Program Logs Due.**
The final logs for the [Pleasure Rider Program](#) are must be **received** by January 10th. You may send partial logs at any time during the year so you don't have as much work to do at the end of the year. [Blank log forms](#) can be downloaded from the website.
- Jan 14- **Annual Meeting**
Jan 15
The Annual Members Meeting will be held at the [Wyndham Riverfront Hotel](#) in New Orleans, LA. The morning will be dedicated to reports from the officers and committees as well as any official business; the afternoon session features a seminar presentation; and, Saturday evening concludes with the annual awards dinner catered at the hotel.

USIHC Youth Committee 2011

Implement new youth committee mission statement:

The USIHC youth committee will focus on creating regional excitement for youth programs and determining ways we can be relevant and support young Icelandic horse riders.

Involve regional club youth leaders:

All regional club youth leaders will be asked to join the youth committee so that the committee can focus on the interests of regional youth riders. The regional youth leaders will help publicize national and international opportunities and events for young riders.

Contact and support the Youth Advisory Board:

The youth advisory board will be contacted and asked to elect a representative to the youth committee. This representative will help us determine the interests of our youth riders and what we can do to support them.

Explore the 2010 FEIF Youth Cup and plan for the 2012 FEIF YC:

All participants of the YC received high marks for their roles as US ambassadors.

Action items for 2012 YC:

1. Improve procedure for Youth Cup application and tryout by defining rules and expectations. Use the WC tryout rules as a guideline.
2. Move up tryout/application date so that riders & leaders have adequate time to plan properly. Tentative dates are June 1 - December 1 for making video. Team announced by January 13th, 2012.
3. Close loopholes in procedure that may be unfair, for example age of try out video. Suggest that video has to be made within above guidelines or in 2011.
4. Deadline of May 1st, 2011 for all improvements.
5. Strongly advocate for USIHC to continue budgeting \$1000.00 for each, YC Country Leader and YC Team Leader to help with travel expenses to the 2012 YC in Germany. Publicize duties of CL and TL for 2012 YC.
6. Publicize Youth Cup in next summer' s quarterly.

Plan 2011 Youth Clinic at Wiesenhof:

Wiesenhof 2011 is scheduled for:

1. Participants could combine trip to WC and Wiesenhof.
2. Riders could use the clinic to build connections for 2012 Youth Cup since both are located in Germany.
3. Publicize this clinic earlier. Wiesenhof website: www.der-wiesenhof.de

Create interest in FEIF Youth Camp in Scotland:

1. Design FAQ sheet.

2. Publicize event in Quarterly.

Generate information regarding youth riders at World Championships:

1. Design FAQ sheet.
2. Publicize event in Quarterly.

Establish USIHC Youth Committee sub-committees:

Suggest that we form sub-committees based on interest of regional representatives..

1. International events
2. National events
3. PR/Quarterly

Advertise youth events:

1. **1/4** page ad in quarterly
2. Information to regional clubs in timely manner.

Ideas for future events:

National exchange program to help us get ready for an international exchange program.

Consider joining the youth committee!

1. Meet once per month for around **1/2** hour.
2. Dynamic group of USIHC members.
3. Help establish the future of the Icelandic horse in America.
4. We need you!

Report submitted by:

Sam Castleman (talking head for Laurie Prestine and Amelie Brewster)