



# USIHC Board Conference Call Minutes

November 10, 2020

8:00PM (Eastern)

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**Present:** Lori Cretney, Will Covert, Virginia Lauridsen, Leslie Chambers, Janet Mulder, Kari Pietsch-Wangard, Lucy Nold, Martin Nielsen.

**Absent:** Emily Potts.

**Auditing:** Ebba Meehan.

Will Covert called the meeting to order at 8:05pm EST.

## 1. SECRETARY'S REPORT (MARTIN NIELSEN)

As of November 6, 2020 the USIHC has 748 Members in 567 Households. Will Covert recently filled out a FEIF survey on how we have dealt with the COVID crisis on behalf of the USIHC.

## 2. TREASURER'S REPORT (KARI PIETSCH-WANGARD)

Reports are attached. The monthly financial statements now include a detailed breakdown of the cash owned by the Congress. The key figures from the breakdown are:

Combined bank account balances as of 10/31/20: \$124,862.76

Unrestricted membership funds as of 10/31/20: \$110,433.76

Net Change from 9/30/20: \$3,117.78

Net Change from 12/31/19: \$7,397.46

## 3. AFFILIATED CLUB COMMITTEE REPORT (LESLIE CHAMBERS)

See attached report.

## 4. BREEDING COMMITTEE REPORT (VIRGINIA LAURIDSEN)

The breeding committee has not met since the last board meeting but will be meeting on November 17.

## 5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT (WILL COVERT AND KARI PIETSCH-WANGARD)

The trainer certification committee will meet on November 11. On October 23, Alaskans Iris Garrick and Koen Mulder both passed their Basic Level 1 Riding Badge examination. Janet Mulder was the instructor and Bernie Willis was the examiner. Congratulations Iris and Koen!

## 6. LEISURE COMMITTEE REPORT (JANET MULDER)

Full checkpoint standings in the Sea to Shining Sea virtual ride are in the attached summary.

## 7. PROMOTIONS AND WEBSITE REPORT (EMILY POTTS)

New member application has been updated (attached) and will be printed in the next Quarterly.

## 8. QUARTERLY COMMITTEE REPORT (NANCY BROWN)

See attached.

## **9. SPORT COMMITTEE REPORT (MARTIN NIELSEN)**

The sport committee met on November 3<sup>rd</sup> (minutes attached).

## **10. YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT (LUCY NOLD)**

The youth committee will be brainstorming formats for the 2021 youth cup.

## **11. Old Business**

### **a. Continued discussion on reviewing USIHC policies for anti-discrimination.**

A Google Document has been shared with all board members for entry of completed training in diversity, inclusion, implicit bias, and antidiscrimination.

### **b. Follow-up on the pathway for analyzing DNA from unregistered Icelandic horses. See attached report and suggested verbiage for “participation number status”.**

The board approved the text for “participation number status” with two minor edits: The DNA case number should be referenced, and it should be specified that the participation number allows participation in non-ranking sport classes.

As for the work with setting up the procedure for DNA registration, the board discussed paying Emily Potts a one-time honorarium for developing the website infrastructure to accommodate for the new services and testing options offered. The board was supportive. Virginia Lauridsen made the motion to pay Emily \$500 as an honorarium. Leslie Chambers seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously in favor.

## **12. New Business**

### **a. S2SS rules for 2021 (see attached)**

Kari Pietsch-Wangard made the motion to approve the rules with one minor edit: to specify that all DNA verified Icelandic horses are eligible. Will Covert seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously in favor.

### **b. New requirements for Green Horse classes.**

Martin Nielsen made the motion to approve the following rule:

“A horse is eligible for green horse classes for two consecutive calendar years following its first participation at a live in-person national ranking event.”

The motion was seconded by several and the board voted unanimously in favor.

### **c. US residence status for riders qualifying for the US national team.**

Martin Nielsen made the motion to approve the following two rules:

“In the event that more than seven riders qualify for the US national World Championship team, four placements will be prioritized for US residents”

“In the event that more than five young riders qualify for the US national World Championship team, three placements will be prioritized for US residents”

The motion was seconded by several, and the board voted unanimously in favor.

### **13. Miscellaneous.**

The board briefly discussed the format and timing for the yearly USIHC membership meeting. It was decided to organize a virtual event with information and updates provided to the membership and time reserved for a questions and answers session. The details will be planned at the next board meeting. The board decided to schedule the meeting after the yearly FEIF meeting, which is planned for the first weekend of February. The USIHC yearly meeting was scheduled for Saturday, February 20 at 2pm Eastern.

The next USIHC board meeting will be on December 8, 2020 at 8pm EST.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05pm EST.

*Martin K Nielsen, secretary*

11/02/20

**United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.**  
**Balance Sheet Standard**  
 As of October 31, 2020

	Oct 31, '20
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
Associated Checking acct.	18,825.42
Associated Money Market Acct.	96,037.34
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>114,862.76</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
CD ownd by USIHC mature 4/7/22	2,000.00
CD ownd by USIHC mature 10/7/22	2,000.00
<b>CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund</b>	
CD-matures 4/14/21	3,000.00
CD-matures 10/11/21	3,000.00
<b>Total CDs for Judge Scholarship ...</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>124,862.76</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Blood Profile Funding Refund	-5,000.00
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>-5,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>119,862.76</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Unexpended Judge Schlshp. Fund	4,000.00
Unexpended World Champshp F...	5,028.36
Unexpended Youth Funds	5,400.64
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>14,429.00</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>14,429.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>14,429.00</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Opening Bal Equity	96,926.56
Retained Earnings	1,109.74
Net Income	7,397.46
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>105,433.76</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>119,862.76</b>

## USIHC General Membership Funds

9/30/20		10/31/20
\$ 15,438.23	Checking	\$ 18,825.42
\$ 96,036.53	Money Market	\$ 96,037.34
\$ 10,000.00	CDs	\$ 10,000.00
\$ 121,474.76	subtotal	\$ 124,862.76
\$ (5,243.25)	Youth Fund	\$ (5,400.64)
\$ (4,000.00)	Judge Scholarship Fund	\$ (4,000.00)
\$ (4,915.53)	World Champ. Team Fund	\$ (5,028.36)
\$ 107,315.98	<b>USIHC Unrestricted Membership Funds</b>	\$ 110,433.76

Net Change from 9/30/2020

**\$3,117.78**

12/31/19 Balance

\$ 103,036.30

Net Change from 12/31/19

**\$7,397.46**

**United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.  
Income & Expense Report  
October 2020**

Income		Expense	
<b>Competition/Sport Inc.</b>		<b>Education Comm. Exp.</b>	
Virtual Competition entry fee	372.03	Riding Badge Exp.	1.20
<b>Education-Riding Badge</b>			
Riding Badge Inc.	38.54		
<b>Interest Income</b>	7.59		
<b>Membership Related Income</b>		<b>Membership Related Expenses</b>	
<b>Membership Dues</b>		<b>Administration</b>	
Family Memberships	502.48	Mbshp. Postage	11.00
Individual Memberships	1,141.02		
Youth membership	168.40		
<b>Total Membership Dues</b>	1,811.90		
<b>Quarterly Inc.</b>		<b>Toll Free line</b>	15.55
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	525.31		
<b>Total Membership Related Income</b>	2,337.21	<b>Total Membership Related Expenses</b>	26.55
<b>Registry Income</b>		<b>Regional Club Clinic exp</b>	250.00
Duplicate Registration fees	100.00		
Late Stallion Report fees	100.00		
Registration fees	489.18	<b>Registry Expenses</b>	
Transfer fees	468.16	Clerical for registry	590.00
<b>Total Registry Income</b>	1,157.34		
<b>USIHC Non-Member fees</b>	72.82		
<b>Total Income</b>	3,985.53	<b>Total Expense</b>	867.75

**Net Income : 3,117.78**

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Income		Expense	
		<b>Breeding Committee Exp.</b>	
		Breeding Comm. Equipment Exp.	828.23
		Cantella YH Evaluation Award	44.72
		Elwell Breeding Award	44.73
		<b>Total Breeding Committee Exp.</b>	<b>917.68</b>
<b>Competition/Sport Inc.</b>		<b>Competition/Sport Expense</b>	
Ice Test fee income (refund)	-32.40	2020 Virtual Sport Show exp.	1,764.82
Sanction Competition fee	672.52	IceTest annual fee	1,029.68
2020 Virtual Competition entry fee	4,818.31	National Ranking Award Expense	635.70
<b>Total Competition/Sport Inc.</b>	<b>5,458.43</b>	<b>Total Competition/Sport Expense</b>	<b>3,430.20</b>
<b>Education-Riding Badge</b>		<b>Education Comm. Exp.</b>	
Riding Badge Inc.	518.54	Riding Badge Exp.	73.60
		<b>FEIF Conference exp.</b>	
		FEIF 2020 Conf. Exp.	419.88
		FEIF Conf. Airfare exp.	1,120.39
<b>Interest Income</b>	66.84	<b>Total FEIF Conference exp.</b>	<b>1,540.27</b>
		<b>Leisure Committee Expense</b>	
		S2SS 2020 Program exp.	276.83
<b>Membership Related Income</b>		<b>Membership Related Expenses</b>	
Farm Listing	2,376.22	<b>Administration</b>	
		Mbshp. Postage	11.00
<b>Membership Dues</b>		Office/Supplies Exp.	48.46
Family Memberships	5,441.70	Tax. Prep. Services	408.00
Foreign Friend mbshp	266.48	<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>467.46</b>
Individual Memberships	14,599.23	<b>Annual Meeting Exp.</b>	
Youth membership	606.24	2020 Annual Meeting Portland Ex	1,891.50
<b>Total Membership Dues</b>	<b>20,913.65</b>		
		<b>FEIF related expenses</b>	
		FEIF Mbshp fees	2,139.35
		<b>Insurance</b>	715.00
		<b>Quarterly Expenses</b>	
Quarterly Inc.		Graphics	3,000.00
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	5,395.16	Postage for Quarterly	1,523.67
<b>Total Membership Related Income</b>	<b>28,685.03</b>	Quarterly Printing	7,873.09
		<b>Total Quarterly Expenses</b>	<b>12,396.76</b>
		<b>Toll Free line</b>	151.50
		<b>Website</b>	3,625.87
		<b>WorldFengur Exp.</b>	1,522.98
		<b>Total Membership Related Expenses</b>	<b>22,910.42</b>

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Income		Expense	
		<b>Promotional Exp.</b>	
		Promotional Banners (Club)	253.44
		Promotion Material Printing exp	1,031.17
		Promotional Advertising	867.00
		Promotional postage expenses	158.33
		RC Co-op promo exp.	150.00
		Promotional Exp. - Other	45.00
		<b>Total Promotional Exp.</b>	2,504.94
		<b>Regional Club Clinic exp</b>	250.00
<b>Registry Income</b>		<b>Registry Expenses</b>	
Duplicate Registration fees	541.86	Clerical for registry	3,043.00
Late Stallion Report fees	893.90	Printing & reproduction-Regist.	330.65
Registration fees	4,282.89	Reg. WorldFengur Sbscrptn exp.	200.32
Transfer fees	2,553.53	Registry Office supplies	149.38
<b>Total Registry Income</b>	8,272.18	Registry Postage	423.65
		<b>Total Registry Expenses</b>	4,147.00
		<b>Youth Committee Exp.</b>	
USIHC Non-Member fees	389.88	Spaeri Award	50.00
		FEIF Youth Cup Exp.	
Youth Committee Inc.		2020 FEIF Youth Cup exp.	132.50
Youth Cup Tryout Fees	240.00	<b>Total Youth Committee Exp.</b>	182.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>43,630.90</b>	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>36,233.44</b>

**Net Income : 7,397.46**



Affiliated Club Committee Report for November 10, 2020

Chair: Leslie Chambers

Members: N=23

**Upcoming BOD meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10 at 8:00 EST**

**Regional Club Clinics/Schooling Shows - Policy #31, 2020:**

*Cancelled:*

*Klettafjalla clinic, Oct 24-25 with Caeli Cavanaugh at Gyetorp II, WY.*

**Club renewals:**

All Regional Clubs have renewed. Activity Clubs: **Sleipnir is still pending.**

Going forward we have 13 Regional Clubs and 1 Activity Club.

**Promotion: Regional Clubs banner Update:**

**Banners Received:**

1. Sirius
2. Hestafolk

**Banners Requested:**

3. Cascade (on hold? Checking status.)
4. Klettafjalla
5. CIA
6. Flugnir

*Although there is little demand for banners at this time since most expos have been cancelled or postponed, Clubs are encouraged to take advantage of the USIHC funding for these banners.*

The link to request banner:

<https://forms.gle/xftGYzruoDMWAmkB6>

Em Potts will be assisting you, via this link. All Regional Clubs are eligible for banners, attending an expo is not a requirement.

**Quarterly Promotional Copy Requests:**

*No new requests.*

## **USIHC Virtual Show:**

*New Deadlines:*

*Must register by Friday, November 27, 2020*

*Must submit videos by Friday, December 4, 2020*

*See website for details.*

*The USIHC Fall virtual shows (National Ranking and Schooling) are open for registration, please see website for details (Icelandics.org)*

*Please note that the NR show will have 5 International Judges, the cost per class remains at \$30. The Schooling Show will have a single International Judge and the cost will be \$20/class.*

*We have also added Division Awards and Sponsorship opportunities, please see website.*

**11/5/2020 LKC**

## November 2020 Leisure Committee Update

There were no new checkpoints pass by Individual Riders for this month. Below are the checkpoints passed by each team. 2021 Rules have been sent out to the BOD. If possible I would like to get these approved so we can post them on the website prior to December 15 and Emily can make a news update for registrations, so riders can begin logging hours in January.

Name	Cuyahoga Valley National Park, OH - 1500	Green River Lake State Park, KY - 1750	Shore to Shore Riding Trail, MI - 2000	Zumbro Bottoms Horseback Riding, MN - 2250	Wildcat Mountain State Park, WI - 2500 HALFWAY	Shenandoah National Park, VA - 2750
Susan Johnson						
Terri Ingram						
Total Distance						
Ice Trekkers	4/2/20	4/20/20	4/20/20	4/20/20	5/9/20	5/9/20
Northcountry Trollers	5/9/20	5/28/20	5/28/20	7/7/20	7/7/20	8/4/20
Gyeterp II	6/9/20	7/7/20	8/4/20	9/2/20	10/7/20	11/2/20
Wyoming Toltsetters	9/2/20	10/7/20	11/2/20			
AIHA	5/28/20	6/9/20	7/7/20	7/7/20	8/4/20	8/4/20
Hestafolk	7/7/20	7/7/20	8/4/20	9/2/20	9/2/20	10/7/20
Merrimaak Valley Icelandios	7/7/20	8/4/20	9/2/20	10/7/20	10/7/20	11/2/20
Sirius Trail Trollers	11/2/20					
Heaven's Isles						

Name	Great Smokey Mountains National Park, TN - 3000	Bussy Point Recreation Area, GA - 3250	Big Bend Ranch State Park, TX - 3500	Princess Place Preserve, FL - 3750 3/4 complete	Mount Toby, MA - 4000	Sprague Land Preserve, CT - 4250	Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park, VT - 4500
Terri Ingram							
Total Distance							
Ice Trekkers	6/25/20	5/25/20	5/28/20	6/28/20	6/9/20	8/9/20	7/7/20
Northcountry Trollers	8/4/20	9/2/20	10/7/20	10/7/20	10/7/20	10/7/20	11/2/20
Gyeterp II							
Wyoming Toltsetters							
AIHA	8/2/20	9/2/20	10/7/20	10/7/20			
Hestafolk	11/2/20						
Merrimaak Valley Icelandios							
Sirius Trail Trollers							
Heaven's Isles							



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**New Membership Application**     **Membership Renewal**  
 Individual     Family     Junior Membership

Name: .....  
 Address: .....  
 City: ..... State: ..... Zip Code: .....  
 Phone: ..... Email: .....

I am a United States Citizen and/or my primary residence\* is the United States.    *\*Primary Residence - must reside in the US for a minimum of 6 months and one day per calendar year to be eligible.*  
 I prefer **not** to receive a copy of the *Quarterly* magazine in the US Mail.

Regional Club (optional): .....

If you have selected a **Family Membership** please complete the following for the second adult and any children to be included in the membership (use the back of the page to add more family members):

Name	Year of Birth (juniors only)	Email (optional)

**Farm Listing** Paid members of the USIHC may opt to include a farm listing on the Congress' website (www.icelandics.org) and printed in *The Icelandic Horse Quarterly*. There is a \$110.00 annual fee for the farm listing in addition to your membership fee.

Farm: ..... Owners: .....  
 Address: .....  
 City: ..... State: ..... Zip Code: .....  
 Phone: ..... Email: ..... Web: .....

Membership Fees & Restrictions	
<b>Individual</b>	\$45/year. One Adult. One vote.
<b>Family</b>	\$65/year. Two adults and unlimited children living in the same household. Adults vote.
<b>Junior</b>	\$35/year. One child (under 18 years). Not eligible to vote.

Membership Fee: \$.....  
 Farm Listing Fee: \$.....  
 W/C Fund Donation: \$.....  
(optional support for the World Champion team)  
 Youth Fund Donation: \$.....  
(optional support for youth programs)  
 Breeding Fund Donation: \$.....  
(optional support for Breeding Evaluations)  


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**Total: \$.....**

**Please make checks payable to "USIHC" and mail to the address below:**

300 South Sawyer Road Oconomowoc, WI 53066, USA    (866) 929-0009 [ext 1]    info@icelandics.org

Congress memberships are for one year. Your membership expires on the anniversary of your payment.

Quarterly Committee report  
November 7, 2020  
submitted by Nancy Brown

Issue Four 2020 of *The Icelandic Horse Quarterly* is now at press; our mailing date is December 1. The eQuarterly will be ready to be released on approximately November 15.

Issue Four 2020 features a focus on breeding, tips on riding transitions, more about collection, a introduction to distance riding, and other stories, as well as sharing news from USIHC Affiliated Clubs, the Board of Directors, and our parent organization, FEIF.

We are printing 600 copies of this issue, just enough to cover our membership and contributors' lists. These lists totaled 550 in September with 50 copies left over for Promotion and Welcome Packets. To request copies for promotional purposes, please contact [quarterly@icelandics.org](mailto:quarterly@icelandics.org).

Deadline for Issue One 2021 (mailed in March) is January 1. Board members and committee chairs, please let us know if you want us to save space for any text, photos, or advertisements for that issue. Remember that ads for USIHC-sanctioned events and programs are free, space permitting.

## **USIHC Sport Committee meeting**

**Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.**

**Present:** Will Covert, Ásta Covert, Carrie Brandt, Alex Pregitzer, Lucy Nold, Leslie Chambers, Martin Nielsen.

**Absent:** Kristina Behringer, Susan Peters, Deborah Cook, Lori Cretney, NikkiSue Flanigan.

Martin called the meeting to order at 8:05pm EST. He welcomed everyone to the meeting as new sport committee chair and thanked Will for his long tenure in the position.

### **1. Reflections over sport events in 2020.**

The committee found that the two virtual shows had been successful and well received. The committee recommends continuing with two yearly virtual shows, even when in-person shows will be able to resume. This would allow riders more opportunities for collecting points for the national ranking. The committee felt that it would be appropriate to increase the minimum requirement for making to the national ranking from two to three shows per year. This would ensure that at least one show is in-person. Furthermore, Leslie suggested that in-person shows could offer riders opportunity for filming a virtual show entry, while having access to an oval track at the showground.

### **2. Thoughts about events for 2021.**

The group found it hard to predict how the COVID situation is going to develop during 2021, but the general notion was that the show schedule is likely to be affected to a significant degree. At this point, the only option is to plan for both in-person and virtual versions of different events. The committee hopes to be able to organize shows and judging seminar, but will be monitoring the situation closely.

### **3. Green horse classes requirements.**

The group discussed requirements for horses entering (and qualifying out of) green horse classes. Rather than defining a threshold score, the committee found it more appropriate to define a horse as green when it is competing in its first show season.

### **4. Preparatory class for Judge Seminar/Test.**

The committee discussed the prospects for developing a curriculum for a set of preparatory classes for people intending to take the FEIF judge test. Great Britain has recently developed a similar initiative. The idea is to develop a series of seminars and make use of Google Classroom for sharing material such as videos and posting assignments. The committee felt it would be a good idea to make the series open to everybody and not restrict it to judges or prospect judges. Martin and Leslie will contact Þorgeir Guðlaugsson and gauge his interest for developing the package and leading the initiative. In case he is interested, we will ask him to give us an estimate of what he would charge.

## **5. Setting the pace for more pace.**

Carrie passionately made the argument that pace riding should be encouraged more in the US and suggested a number of initiatives. Two of these were to include the 100 m speedpace in the national ranking and provide a path for a pace rider to qualify for the world championships. The committee was generally supportive of the idea, but discussed some of the challenges with organizing pace events. The 100 m speedpace requires four judges, while seven judges are needed for the pace test. A 150 m race takes five judges. As most shows in the US only have one or two judges, it is a challenge to accommodate for these pace disciplines. Even a world ranking show with five FEIF judges does not have enough judges for the pace test discipline. The group discussed allowing for B and C judges to assist with these disciplines. Martin will discuss this further with Porgeir and see if he has any suggestions for how to best approach this.

Will also pointed out that standardized time keeping equipment would be another requirement, but this could be addressed. There would also be additional requirements for measuring out the track and ensuring that all specifications are correct.

## **6. Miscellaneous.**

The committee discussed the upcoming world championship qualifications and agreed that the requirements should be published by the beginning of 2021. The group also agreed to propose that one requirement should be that the majority of riders in the US team should reside in the US. This would still allow US citizens based abroad to qualify for the team. Martin will add this to the agenda for the upcoming USIHC board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm EST.

**Registration Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**10-26-2020**

The registration committee met via Zoom at 8 pm Eastern time.

*Members present: Asta Covert, Virginia Lauridsen, Lucy Nold (chair)*

*Members excused: Emily Potts*

The committee first began discussing the “participation” number and how it should be described and what the fee should be. All agreed it should be more expensive than the most expensive possibility for registration and agreed on \$250. Asta suggested that the fee could be applied to a future registration fee if the horse is able to be registered in the future. Virginia will draft a statement about the participation number for committee to edit.

Lucy reminded the committee that this will create a lot of additional work in setting up the website and creating forms. Virginia suggested we pay Emily a one-time fee for setting this up – perhaps \$250-\$500.

Lucy suggested we have very clear instructions on the registration home page: i.e “imported gelding, stallion, mare etc” and the corresponding fees.

The committee discussed combining the DNA and the registration fee together; geldings would be less. Lucy suggested packaging DNA and parentage but it could be problematic occasionally so leave it as is for now. The committee agreed that fees should encourage people to register their horses. We will keep the non-member fee to encourage people to join the USIHC. Asta suggested having boxes to check at checkout.

Asta mentioned that domestic born foals could almost be done online.

Lucy suggested having the stallion owner sign a registration paper at the time of breeding. Or perhaps an electronic signature for the stallion report and the registration papers. Asta agreed that this could make things easier.

Lucy noticed in doing research that we are by far the cheapest registry. Jockey Club is \$2000 after the horse is 2 years. Is it time to raise the registration fee? Asta suggested raising the fee after time has passed. Reward those who register early, and encourage the process, and charge for procrastination.

Lucy created a table of suggested fees for what the VGL is offering, but not all tests are applicable to Icelandics. The committee discussed what would be appropriate fees. Virginia suggested presenting Lucy’s suggestions to the board.

People will check the box for coat tests and list if a specific test. We could list the available options.

The committee discussed using Paypal exclusively. Lucy noted that the more we can make the process electronic, the better success we will have. Asta agreed that Paypal is easier than checks. There are situations however when people need to send a check.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm EST**



## **USIHC “Participation” Number**

All USIHC members are eligible to apply for a participation number for any horse with DNA verification as a purebred Icelandic horse. Participation numbers are intended for riders who would like to participate in USIHC events but whose horses are lacking the proper documentation needed for registration. Horses with participation numbers are eligible to participate in clinics, the Sea to Shining Sea program and any non-sanctioned FEIF classes offered at competitions. Should a horse with a participation number become eligible for registration in the future, the participation number fee will be applied to any registration fees.

# Sea to Shining Sea Ride 2021

## About The Ride

Sea 2 Shining Sea is a year long virtual ride on Icelandic Horses. This 5,000 mile 'ride' uses 20 checkpoints in 4 regions of the US starting January 1, 2021 ending December 31, 2021. Each checkpoint will count for 250 miles or 62.5 hours of riding.

Riders can participate as individuals or teams. All participants must be US Icelandic Horse Congress members throughout the ride to log their hours. Participants log their time riding which we will convert to distance at 4 miles-per-hour. This is easier for everyone to record. If you are riding as part of a team you should log your individual time. We will take care of crediting your rides to the correct group. Teams can only have a maximum of six riders.

The horses used in the ride must be registered Icelandic Horses. They do not have to be registered in the United States...any FEIF member country's registry or WorldFengur is acceptable.

The Sea 2 Shining Sea ride is for leisure riders. You participate by riding or driving your Icelandic horse however you like – as long as you are not being paid for the time. The route is designed stage stop style. The checkpoints do not make one continuous trail, but are actual places that you can go and ride your horse in the USA during the year 2021. Local clubs may host rides at some of the locations, these will be announced on the S2SS FB page and you are welcome to join!

You will log your hours by logging into [www.icelandics.org](http://www.icelandics.org) with your USIHC Member login, select the "Ride" tab to find *Sea 2 Shining Sea Ride*. Hours must be entered in decimal format and you can log hours weekly or daily, the new week begins on Wednesday EST and ends Tuesday at 11:59 EST. If you accidentally log hours incorrectly you can log negative hours (ex: -2.5) to adjust your hours.

Once the week is over, you need to start your hours at zero again. Please, do not carry hours forward between weeks. Since this ride is aimed at leisure activities, we expect your weekly total will be under 20 hours. If you have a really big week, you will need to e-mail your hours to us with a short description of what you did during the week. Lastly, hours count when you are doing an activity with your horse...not watching someone's lesson or auditing a clinic. It is one on one with a horse.

We have created a Sea 2 Shining Sea Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1866794093559110/>) and encourage everyone to share photos and stories about their rides.

## Rider Recognition

Each participant receives a patch with our logo, when they log their first hours.

When each individual or team passes the quarter milestones, they get a post made for them on the FB group celebrating their achievement.

Riders participating in the Sea 2 Shining Sea program, will have their names put in a hat for a random drawing to determine the Rider of the Month. Each month a different name will be drawn. A write-up of the Rider of the Month will be posted on Facebook and will be featured in *The Icelandic Horse Quarterly*. This is to help the Sea 2 Shining Sea participants get to know each other better.

## The Route and Checkpoints:

Leg	Route	Region	Checkpoint	Distance
<b>First Quarter - 0 miles complete</b>				
1	Southeast	Louisiana	Gum Springs Horse Trails	250
2	Southeast	Mississippi	Big Foot Horse Trails	250
3	Southeast	North Carolina	South Mountains State Park	250
4	Southeast	South Carolina	Salad Shoals Park	250
5	Southeast	West Virginia	Chief Logan State Park	250
<b>2nd Quarter - 1250 miles complete</b>				
6	Northeast	Pennsylvania	Gifford Pinchot State Park	250
7	Northeast	New Jersey	Allamuchy Mountain State Park	250
8	Northeast	Rhode Island	Arcadia Management Area	250
9	Northeast	Deleware	Trap Pond State Park	250
10	Northeast	New Hampshire	Bear Brook State Park	250

<b>Halfway - 2500 miles complete</b>				
11	Mid West	North Dakota	Sheyenne Grasslands	250
12	Mid West	South Dakota	Sundance Trail	250
13	Mid West	Nebraska	Indian Cave Trail	250
14	Mid West	Kansas	Cimarron Grasslands, Turkey Trail	250
15	Mid West	Iowa	Yellow River Paint Creek Loop Trail	250
<b>Third Quarters - 3750 miles complete</b>				
16	Western	Washington	Pacific Crest Trail	250
17	Western	Montana	The Bob Marshall Wilderness	250
18	Western	Idaho	Hells Gate State Park	250
19	Western	Oregon	Todd Creek Horse Camp	250
20	Western	Neveda	Columbine Campground Austin	250
<b>Ride Complete - 5000 miles!</b>				

### **The Fine Print**

- Participants must be USIHC members throughout the entire program.
- Horses must be Icelandic horses, registered with a FEIF registry.
- Horses need not be owned by the participants.
- Each member can only enter once.
- Members participate as individuals or in teams. Teams can only have a maximum of 6 riders.

- Once participants join a team they must remain with the group for the rest of the ride. Changing teams is not allowed mid-ride.
- Logged time transfers if participants join a team.
- Participants may start any time during the ride.
- Progress is logged in hours ridden and converted to distances using a 4 MPH conversion.
- Paid riding time is not eligible.
- Participants must log their hours by logging into [www.icelandics.org](http://www.icelandics.org) with your USIHC Member login, select the "Ride" tab to find *Sea 2 Shining Sea Ride*. Hours must be entered in decimal format and you can log hours weekly or daily, the new week begins on 12:00 AM Wednesday ET and ends Tuesday at 11:59 pm ET. If you accidentally log hours incorrectly you can log negative hours (ex: -2.5) to adjust your hours.
- Participants must record hours weekly by Tuesday 12PM (ET). Failure to record, results in lost hours.
- Participants submitting more than 20 hours for a week, must provide details for the long hours by e-mailing [s2ss@icelandics.org](mailto:s2ss@icelandics.org).
- Rider of the Month - All riders participating in the Sea 2 Shining Sea program for 2021 season have agreed to have their names put in a hat for a random drawing to determine Rider of the Month. Each month a different name will be drawn. A write-up of the Rider of the Month will go in *The Icelandic Horse Quarterly*. This is to help the Sea 2 Shining Sea participants get to know each other better.