

USIHC – Board Of Directors 05/20/15 Meeting Minutes

Board Members

Present: Doug Smith, Anne Elwell, Will Covert, Sara Lyter, Kari Pietsch-Wangard, Lori Cretney, Juli Cole

Excused: Andrea Barber, Katrin Sheehan

Observers Deb Callaway, Alex Dannenmann, Steve Cole

Meeting called to order at 8:05pm EST (Sara Lyter)

Secretary's Report (Juli Cole)

Membership status as of May 17: 449 households.

Treasurer's Report (Kari Pietsch-Wangard)

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

<u>Combined bank account balances as of 4/30/15:</u>	<u>\$150,694.58</u>
<u>Unrestricted funds as of 3/31/15:</u>	<u>\$147,441.90</u>
<u>Net increase (decrease) since 1/31/15:</u>	<u>\$3,252.68</u>

Standing Committee Reports

- **Quarterly Committee (Nancy Brown)**

See Attached

- **Youth Committee (Colleen Monsef)**

FEIF Youth Cup:

Revised FEIF Youth Cup application has been presented to the Youth Committee and is ready to be posted on the website. The documents are attached.

The BOD directs the Youth Committee to review the Youth Cup applications and clarify some potentially confusing language, then submit the revised documents to the BOD for review & approval before the documents are posted to the USIHC website.

American Youth Cup:

All twenty eight applicants have been contacted. Twenty received invitations and eight received email letters encouraging strengthening parts of their resume and apply again for the next AYC. A wait list exists but by deposit twenty are confirmed.

Hanna Bailey, CA
Jamie Blough, CA
Jessica Blough, CA
Amelia Carney, AK
Emese Dunn, NY
Emma Erickson, CA
Alicia Flanigan, ME
Hailey Harvey, AK
Julia Hasenauer, CA
Eden Hendricks, CA
Hannah Huss, NY
Kajsa Johnson, CA
Jay Maio, WI
Isabelle Maranda, VT
Elizabeth Monsef, CA
Katherine Monsef, CA
Gabrielle Pittman, KY
Olivia Rasmussen, CA
Elizabeth Robertson, CA
Cameron Tolbert-Scott, CA

Accommodations are arranged. Field trip arranged. Judges arranged. Trainers arranged and team leaders arranged. In early June release forms, lists of equipment to bring, medical and food preferences form will be sent and final payment made.

All participants must be at Léttleiki Icelandics by noon on Tuesday July 21st for the opening of the Youth Cup. We will be ready to receive any participants and start providing supervision and food by noon on Monday July 21st. Participants can depart starting 8:00pm on Sunday July 26th and will be supervised (meals included) through 6:00pm on Monday July 27th

Spaejari Award

The Youth Committee approves the below update of the award and wants board and budget approval as well as the website updated.

Spaejari Award – Annual Youth Award

Spaejari is the Icelandic name of the Icelandic endurance horse commonly known as Remington. Spaejari is known for his determination, passion and indomitable will. This award is intended to inspire and encourage these same qualities in our youth who enjoy spending time with Icelandic Horses.

- Eligibility is USIHC member under 18 years of age
- The horse being written about needs to be USIHC registered.
- It can be a USIHC or FEIF supported event
- It can include a registered Icelandic at an All Breeds Show or as a Breed Ambassador.
- Award is given to youth who clearly demonstrate their commitment and love for Icelandic horses.
 - Any kind of riding activity, including recreational trail riding showing, driving, gymkhana, endurance riding, dressage, team penning, jumping, trail trails and competitive trail riding. Can include participation in 4 H programs, volunteering with therapeutic riding programs, rescue programs and adoption programs. Simply training or caring for Icelandic horses can also show the requisite commitment.

How to Qualify:

- Submission of a youth written article for publication in the Quarterly with an accompanying good resolution photograph.
- Youth articles submitted to the Quarterly will be reviewed at the end of the calendar year and the Quarterly Staff with the Youth Committee approval will award one winner.
- The youth writing the article need not own the Icelandic horse to submit an article.
- An award and \$50 goes to the winner.

Youth Articles for submission should be sent to quarterly@icelandics.org Please be sure to identify them as a youth article.

*Please see the attached letter sent to Quinn Thomashow with an Iceberg Award (\$49.70) and a check from the USIHC for \$50.00 as the recipient of the 2014 Spaejari Award.

The BOD suggests that the information about the award, such as how to qualify and enter, should be clarified. Kari Pietsch-Wangard volunteered to assist the Youth Committee with this.

FEIF Youth Camp-

The Wehrheim from Alaska are attending the Youth Camp. They have paid their deposit to USIHC for Brooke, Haley and their mom Jane will be the Country Leader. **Janet Mulder** an active member from Alaska and are active members of the AIHA (Alaska's Regional Club) and 4-H helped to get these applications. They have already paid Kari Pietsch Wangard,

We had another set of applicants the **Harvey** Family. (Hayley and Shey Harvey and their Mom Tobi) also from Alaska. I contacted FEIF to see if there was space for them. FEIF notified me once the deadline passed that they could accept the two Harvey girls but, by the time I got back to them they had made other plans. I notified FEIF we no longer need the extra slots.

FEIF was approached by another applicant from the US and I am currently trying to find out if this person will attend. Susanne Koch Hoover

Young Rider- Julie Cole requested follow up with this publication to showcase our youth. I emailed them I have no response.

international video competition The **FEIF Youth Committee launches an international video competition** and invites young people of up to 21 years old to participate in a team video competition. The film of 3-5 minutes should feature at least one horse, and 2-3 team members. The rest – story, setting, music, etc. – is left to the imagination of the competitors. Due May 31st...

PDF attached. Contact me if interested.

Colleen Monsef

Youth Committee Chair

monsef@comcast.net

408-390-9307

● **Education Committee (Alexandra Dannenmann)**

Porgeir Guðlaugsson will be our clinician again for this year's sport judging seminar in Kentucky from 8-11 October.

It's not only supposed to be suitable for new participants but also for people who already attended last year. Informations are available at the USIHC webpage.

● **Leisure Riding Committee (Deb Callaway)**

See attached

The BOD has requested that the Leisure Riding Committee specify exactly what the various levels of achievement for this program will be and also specify the prizes awarded to each level.

Email Voting

- Replacement of damaged USIHC display Podium top

Old Business

- **Standard Blood Profile Project (Andrea Barber)**

Tabled until next meeting due to Andrea's absence.

- **Summer Youth Training Camp/Competition (Colleen Monsef)**

Updates are provided in the Youth Committee report.

- **Liability Insurance (Kari Pietsch-Wangard)**

The BOD unanimously agreed to table this discussion until further notice.

New Business

- **2016 Annual Meeting Update (Sara Lyter)**

The Cascade Club has enthusiastically agreed to assist with the planning of the 2016 Annual Meeting in Portland, OR. They suggest holding the meeting at a Radisson Hotel located close to the Portland airport with room rates of \$98.00 + \$15.00 tax per night. The Cascade Club was given an outline of the MN meeting that they can use to assist in their planning.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm EST

The next meeting date is June 9, 2015 at 8:00pm EST

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Income & Expense Report
April 2015

Income		Expense	
Interest Income	31.71		
Membership Related Income			
Membership Dues			
2015 Membership dues			
2015 Family mbshp	441.86		
2015 Individual Mbshp	744.07		
2015 Youth Membership	35.00	Membership Related Expenses	
Total 2015 Membership dues	1,220.93	Toll Free line	12.95
Total Membership Dues	1,220.93	Total Membership Related Expenses	12.95
Quarterly Inc.		Promotional Exp.	
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	1,045.95	Display booth shipping	58.53
Total Quarterly Inc.	1,045.95	Promotional postage expenses	20.04
Total Membership Related Income	2,266.88	Total Promotional Exp.	78.57
Registry Income		Registry Expenses	
Late Stallion Report fees	700.00	Printing & reproduction-Regist.	247.19
Registration fees	525.00	Total Registry Expenses	247.19
Transfer fees	43.52		
Total Registry Income	1,268.52		
USIHC Non-Member fees	24.28		
Total Income	3,591.39	Total Expense	338.71

Net Income: 3,252.68

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<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Breeding Committee Income	40.00	Breeding Committee Exp.	
		Breeding Comm. Equipment Exp.	103.25
		Cantella YH Evaluation Award	57.02
Interest Income	99.92	FEIF Evaluation fees	99.96
		Elwell Breeding Award	57.02
		Total Breeding Committee Exp.	<u>317.25</u>
		Competition Comm. Expense	
		National Ranking Award Expense	917.52
		Total Competition Comm. Expense	<u>917.52</u>
		FEIF Conference exp.	
		FEIF 2015 Conf. exp.	405.00
		Total FEIF Conference exp.	<u>405.00</u>
Membership Related Income		Membership Related Expenses	
Farm Listing		Administration	
2015 Farm listing	1,831.42	Mbshp. Postage	209.25
Total Farm Listing	<u>1,831.42</u>	Office/Supplies Exp.	25.17
Membership Dues		Special Awards Exp.	65.15
2015 Membership dues		Total Administration	<u>299.57</u>
2015 Family mbshp	3,451.45	Annual Meeting Exp.	
2015 Foreign Friend	66.97	2015 Annual Meeting exp.	4,900.27
2015 Individual Mbshp	7,625.53	Total Annual Meeting Exp.	<u>4,900.27</u>
2015 Youth Membership	206.04	FEIF related expenses	
Total 2015 Membership dues	<u>11,349.99</u>	FEIF Mbshp fees	1,615.04
Total Membership Dues	<u>11,349.99</u>	Total FEIF related expenses	<u>1,615.04</u>
		Insurance	30.00
		Quarterly Expenses	
Quarterly Inc.		Graphics	1,000.00
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	3,661.42	Postage for Quarterly	391.86
Total Quarterly Inc.	<u>3,661.42</u>	Quarterly Printing	2,435.18
		Total Quarterly Expenses	<u>3,827.04</u>
		Service fees	
Website Inc.		Bank Fees	3.00
Website Ad Inc.	570.13	Total Service fees	<u>3.00</u>
Total Website Inc.	<u>570.13</u>	Toll Free line	51.80
Total Membership Related Income	<u>17,412.96</u>	Total Membership Related Expenses	<u>10,726.72</u>

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<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Other Income		Promotional Exp.	
Booth Deposit/Refund	196.80	Ambassador award	250.00
Total Other Income	<u>196.80</u>	Display booth shipping	143.36
		Promotional postage expenses	232.04
		RC Co-op promo exp.	<u>115.00</u>
		Total Promotional Exp.	<u>740.40</u>
Registry Income		Registry Expenses	
Duplicate Registration fees	48.25	Clerical for registry	1,266.00
Late Stallion Report fees	1,287.20	Printing & reproduction-Regist.	247.19
Registration fees	2,004.82	Registry Office supplies	130.62
Transfer fees	<u>776.05</u>	Registry Postage	<u>149.67</u>
Total Registry Income	<u>4,116.32</u>	Total Registry Expenses	<u>1,793.48</u>
		Youth Committee Exp.	
		Spaejari Award	50.00
		Youth Camp	
		2015 FEIF Youth Camp fees	<u>0.00</u>
		Total Youth Camp	<u>0.00</u>
		Total Youth Committee Exp.	<u>50.00</u>
USIHC Non-Member fees	<u>122.83</u>	Total Expense	<u>14,950.37</u>
Total Income	<u>21,988.83</u>		

Net Income: 7,038.46

05/10/15

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Balance Sheet Standard
As of April 30, 2015

	Apr 30, '15
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Associated Checking acct.	23,782.93
Associated Money Market Acct.	131,889.46
Total Checking/Savings	155,672.39
Other Current Assets	
CD ownd by USIHC matures 4/7/13	3,000.00
CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	
CD-matures 10/5/15	3,045.27
CD-matures 10/5/17	3,087.30
CD-matures 9/29/16	1,003.51
Total CDs for Judge Scholarship ...	7,136.08
Total Other Current Assets	10,136.08
Total Current Assets	165,808.47
TOTAL ASSETS	165,808.47
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Unexpended Judge Schlshp. Fund	7,000.00
Unexpended World Champshp F...	2,741.12
Unexpended Youth Funds	5,372.77
Total Other Current Liabilities	15,113.89
Total Current Liabilities	15,113.89
Total Liabilities	15,113.89
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	96,926.56
Retained Earnings	46,729.56
Net Income	7,038.46
Total Equity	150,694.58
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	165,808.47

USIHC General Membership Funds

<u>3/31/15</u>		<u>4/30/15</u>
\$ 20,490.32	Checking	\$ 23,782.93
\$ 131,873.20	Money Market	\$ 131,889.46
\$ 10,122.85	CDs	\$ 10,136.08
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\$ 162,486.37	subtotal	\$ 165,808.47
\$ (5,353.35)	Youth Fund	\$ (5,372.77)
\$ (7,000.00)	Int. Judges Fund	\$ (7,000.00)
\$ (2,691.12)	World Champ. Team Fund	\$ (2,741.12)
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\$ 147,441.90	USIHC General Membership Funds	\$ 150,694.58

Net Increase (Decrease) from previous report

\$3,252.68

Quarterly Committee Report
May Board Meeting
submitted by Nicki Esdorn and Nancy Marie Brown

The June issue of the Quarterly is at press. We will be releasing the e-Quarterly this week, and the printed copies will be mailed June 1. Deadline for the next (September) issue is July 1.

Simultaneous with releasing the June e-Quarterly, we will be sending out notices about the 2015 USIHC Members Survey that the Quarterly Committee has been working on with Doug Smith. The survey is announced in two places in the Quarterly: on the editorial page and in an advertisement. Emails will be sent to the entire USIHC list, including former members and registered horse owners who are not members. The survey will also be announced on the USIHC Facebook page. The survey will be “live” until June 26. We will present the results to the Board and print a summary in the September issue of the Quarterly.

We invite all Board members to go to www.icelandics.org/survey and share their thoughts, as well as tell everyone they know in the US Icelandic horse world to do the same. Word of mouth is powerful!

Rider Application for FEIF Youth Cup (FYCup) 2016

Application deadline: Dec 1, 2015

Announcement of participants: January 22, 2016

Date: _____

Rider Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Phone:(Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Email: _____

Parents please sign to give your consent for applicant to attend this event and confirm that all information on this application is correct: _____

Parent's names & emails: _____

Applicants and selected participants must be members in good standing of the USIHC. Please confirm your USIHC membership status by initialing the box below.

Yes, I am a member in good standing of the USIHC now and I pledge to renew my membership if needed at time of event _____.

Signature of applicant: _____

Riders may use a different horse for each test. (Attach proof of registration for each horse ridden.)

1. Horses ridden in the US for FYCup try-outs must be registered in the US.
2. Horses ridden outside the US for FYCup try-outs may use their FEIF ID only.

Name of horse: _____ Location of try-out video: _____

FEIF ID: _____ US Reg #: _____

Name of horse: _____ Location of try-out video: _____

FEIF ID: _____ US Reg #: _____

Your experience riding Icelandic horses including clinics & training (OK to attach another sheet of paper):

Icelandic show experience including scores (OK to attach another sheet of paper):

One copy of a short (5-10 minute) USB flashdrive is required showing a Tolt (T1 or T2) program AND a four-gait (V1) or five-gait (F1) program. For a description of the required tests, please visit: <http://www.feiffengur.com/documents/firo2015.pdf> One FEIF judge will judge the videos. The minimum score to qualify in each program is 4.5. Entry deadline is December 1, 2015. Finalists will be notified by January 22, 2016. Send application, a non-refundable check (made out to the USIHC) for \$30.00 for each test you would like scored, USB flashdrive, and two personal references to: **Laurie Prestine 15300 Via Palomino Monte Sereno, CA 95030 phone (408) 391-4336 fax (408) 395-7319 Lprestine@yahoo.com**

Country Leader Application for FEIF Youth Cup (FYCup) 2016

Role of Country Leaders (CL)

1. Is a responsible, mature person and at least 21 years old.
2. Daily meetings with the YC and TL and also in the end for summary. Important to be on time to every meeting.
3. Make sure your horses are vaccinated by the international rules. This is CL responsibility.
4. Responsible for horses and having the stables tidy.
5. Have to sleep with the participants of the country.
6. Is responsible for the sleeping hours (horses and people).
7. Participate in flag rising in the morning and evening.
8. Is in charge of the lodging of the participants and that the rules there are followed, quiet time after 23.00-23.30 hours.
9. CL responsible for riding on Wednesday. Light training is only allowed, lunging, walking or countryside riding.
10. Is the 'mother' of the team! Makes sure that the team is doing well.
11. Is responsible for bringing it's country's trophies and flags to the FYCup.

Country Leader description taken from

http://www.feiffengur.com/documents/Presentation_YC_CL.pdf

The USIHC will provide \$1000.00 for travel for the Country Leader.

Date: _____

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Cell): _____ Email: _____

Applicants and selected participants must be members in good standing of the USIHC. Please confirm your USIHC membership status by initializing the box below:

Yes, I am a member in good standing of the USIHC now and I pledge to renew my membership if needed at time of event _____.

Signature of applicant: _____

How long have you been riding? _____

Tell us a little about yourself, your current riding status and why attending this event is important to you.

Please include any experience you may have that applies to the Country Leader position (100 words or less).

Team Leader Application for FEIF Youth Cup (FYCup) 2016

Role of Team Leaders (TL)

1. Is a responsible, mature person.
2. Daily meetings with the YC and TL and also in the end for summary. Important to be on time for every meeting.
3. Make a good team spirit; be together, talk English and get a team name together with the team.
4. TL is responsible for the riders from breakfast to end of training, and he/she have to let Country Leaders know if some riders don't cooperate.
5. Makes notes during the training for the riders.
6. Makes sure that the riders are on time for their trainings. 5. Helps the team members also with language.
7. Is responsible for the competition application forms of the riders and takes the dressage/show programs etc.
8. Responsible for filling out free choice of training on Tuesday.
9. Has fun with his/her team!

Team Leader description taken from http://www.feiffengur.com/documents/Presentation_YC_TL.pdf

The US is not required to send a Team Leader to the FYCup. If we have a qualified applicant, the USIHC will provide \$1000.00 for travel for the FYCup US Team Leader.

Date: _____

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Cell): _____ Email: _____

Applicants and selected participants must be members in good standing of the USIHC. Please confirm your USIHC membership status by initializing the box below:

Yes, I am a member in good standing of the USIHC now and I pledge to renew my membership if needed at time of event _____.

Signature of applicant: _____

How long have you been riding? _____

Tell us a little about yourself, your current riding status and why attending this event is important to you.

Please include any experience you may have that applies to the Team Leader position (100 words or less).

FEIF Youth Cup (FYCup) Rules and Procedures for Riders, Country Leader and Team Leader 2016

What is the Youth Cup?

The FEIF Youth Cup is a seven-day youth competition held every other year in Europe or Iceland. The YC is a well-supervised event that takes place after 4 days of training with prominent and experienced Icelandic horse trainers. Riders are formed into international teams. These teams receive instruction and compete together following the FEIF rules. The FEIF Youth Cup description:

- Age: 14 – 17 years
- Friendship across borders
- Qualification for best all-rounders
- Many tests, tests ask for medium skills in riding - Lectures in groups, gain experience
- Learning the practice of teamwork
- Horsemanship and sportsmanship
- Communicate in another language (English)
- Description taken from
<http://www.feiffengur.com/documents/yophil04.pdf>

Team Prerequisites including Riders, Country Leader and Team Leader

Riders, Country Leader and Team Leader must be members in good standing of the United States Icelandic Horse Congress at the time of application and at the time of the event.

Rider Tryout Process

One copy of a short (5-10 minute) USB flash drive is required showing a Tölt (T1 or T2) program, AND a four-gait (V1), or five-gait (F1) program. For a description of the required tests, visit <http://www.feiffengur.com/documents/fipo2015.pdf>

Try-out videos must be made no earlier than January 1, 2015 and no later than November 27th, 2015.

Programs that have already been scored at a USIHC sanctioned show may not be used.

The same FEIF judge will judge all the programs.

The minimum score to qualify in each program is 4.5.

Try-out entry deadline is December 1, 2015.

Finalists will be notified by January 22, 2016.

In the event we do not have a full team at the time of the team announcement, late applicants will be accepted until the team is full or the FEIF deadline for submission of the US team whichever comes first.

Riders who make the team are allowed to compete in any event at the Youth Cup.

Send application, two personal references, USB flash drive and a non-refundable check (made out to USIHC) for \$30.00 for each test you would like scored to:

Laurie Prestine 15300 Via Palomino Monte Sereno, CA 95030
phone (408) 391-4336 fax (408) 395-7319 Lprestine@yahoo.com

You can find the application and hints for making a good try-out video on the USIHC website.

Rider Selection Process

Following the evaluation of all video submissions, rider scores will be decided by taking an average of the totals for the two programs.

The team shall be selected by first taking the highest qualifying average of both tests: T1 or T2 and V1 or F1. The remaining spaces on the team shall be filled in descending order until a full team is formed or there are no more qualifying combinations.

Ties between riders are broken as follows:

The youth cup team selection committee will evaluate recommendations and experience. The judges will be asked to provide seat/aid scores when they evaluate all the videos. The rider who's better in the most categories will be selected. For example:

Rider A: average of both videos: 7.5

Rider B: average of both videos: 7.5

Rider C: average of both videos: 7.2

Rider D: average of both videos: 7.2

For riders A and B, tiebreakers would be unnecessary because both would be selected for the team.

For C and D, we will use our tie breaking method. The two riders will be compared and the youth cup selection committee will assign first and second place for:

- Recommendations
- Experience
- Seat/aid scores – (scores provided by judges.)

The rider who gets the most first places will be selected.

In the past, we have sent at least three riders. We will also select

alternates.

Selected team riders must pay the appropriate fees.

Country Leader Application Process

Application entry deadline is December 1, 2015.

Country Leader will be notified by January 22, 2016.

If at the time of team notification we do not have a US Country Leader, the deadline will be extended based upon the FEIF deadline for submission of Country Leaders.

Send application and one personal reference to:

Laurie Prestine 15300 Via Palomino Monte Sereno, CA 95030
phone (408) 391-4336 fax (408) 395-7319 Lprestine@yahoo.com

You can find the application on the USIHC website.

Team Leader Application Process

The Team Leader is an optional yet important position at the FYCup. The United States is not required to send a Team Leader to the FYCup and if there are no qualified applicants, we will not send a TL in 2016.

Application entry deadline is December 1, 2015.

Team Leader will be notified by January 22, 2016.

Send application and one personal reference to:

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phone (408) 391-4336 fax (408) 395-7319 Lprestine@yahoo.com

You can find the application on the USIHC website.



United States Icelandic Horse Congress

Congratulations Quinn,

You are the 2014 recipient of the Spaejari Award. Included with this letter is your Spaejari Iceburg and a check for \$50.00 from the USIHC. Your Article that was published in the Quarterly was deemed, “a well-structured and evocative essay that beautifully captures the feeling of the FEIF Youth Cup” It was chosen over all other youth submission to the Quarterly last year by the editors and voted on by the Youth Committee.

Spaejari is the Icelandic name of the Icelandic endurance horse commonly know as Remmington. Spaijari is know for his determination, passion and indomitable will. This award is intended to inspire and encourage these same qualities in our youth who enjoy spending time with Icelandic Horses. Eligibility is USIHC member under 18 years of age and the horse being written about needs to be USIHC registered. Award is given to youth who clearly demonstrate their commitment and love for Icelandic horses. Any kind of riding activity, including recreational trail riding showing, driving, gymkhana, endurance riding, dressage, team penning, jumping, trail trails and competitive trail riding. Can include participation in 4 H programs, volunteering with therapeutic riding programs, rescue programs and adoption programs. simply training or caring for Icelandic horses can also show the requisite commitment.

Thank you for fostering and sharing your love of the Icelandic Horse. May you continue to share your passion with young and old alike.

Congratulations,

Colleen Monsef

Chariperson of the USIHC Youth Committee



FEIF Youth work – lights, camera, action!

International video competition 2015

What: team competition for a group of 4-6 young riders involved with the Icelandic horse. You need to produce a video no shorter than 3 mins, and no longer than 5 mins on a particular theme.

Theme for 2015: Happiness is ... [fill in your own idea]

Aim: to foster teamwork and collaboration, encourage good horsemanship and continuous learning, raise awareness of the international aspects of the Icelandic horse world, develop imagination and promote perseverance to manage and complete a project.

Who: groups of young people, involved with Icelandic horses. The competition is open for groups of minimum 4 and maximum 6 young people, no older than having their 21st birthday during 2015.

How: as a minimum requirement, the film needs to involve at least one Icelandic horse, and must feature at least half the registered group. All other aspects (story, setting, music, etc.) are free for the team to agree on. Each team member needs to have a clearly defined and identifiable role in the production. Language – remember that the resulting film will be shown to an international audience, so keep dialogue to a minimum.

The video must have a title and credits, date, and venue, and other formal aspects for a proper video.

When: all videos need to be uploaded to youtube or similar, but remain “unlisted” and the video must not be made public until the end of August 2015. The link will be sent to youth@feif.org, **no later than 31st May 2015**. Entries will be judged by an international panel of judges.

(If technically possible,) the winning entries will be played live on the big screen during the World Championships in Herning.

Good luck to all!

Gundula Sharman – and the FEIF Youth Committee

19th February 2015

Note to parents and youth leaders: The competition is aimed at the young riders themselves. No equipment other than a video camera or mobile phone, and basic software on the computer should be necessary. In the spirit of international youth work, we would kindly request parents and other supportive adults to enable and support the work of the competing teams, without (!) getting too involved in the process, and to keep any potential costs to an absolute minimum.

Note: Riders shown on a horse must at all times wear a helmet.

Hi Juli, I will try to reformat this to an outline form... feel free to correct me or reject if it isn't right. This is all very new to me. Hard to teach an old dog new tricks.... this is brief, I don't want it to be too long.

1. Leisure Riding Committee has discussed various issues regarding the general program of awarding and rewarding riders of Icelandic horses for what is generally accepted as Leisure Riding.
 - a. Renaming to Leisure Riding Program to follow more closely FEIF. This was suggested by BOD.
 - b. As in the former program, hours in the saddle, ground training, or driving will be counted hour for hour.
 - c. Varying from the former program, hosting a clinic, trail ride, or other gathering involving Icelandic Horses and their riders, attending a clinic either riding and/or auditing will count as 10 hours. This may seem like a lot at first glance, but as many know, preparing an event takes a great deal of time, time spent one does not get to spend riding their own horses. Plus there is often travel time and lodging involved for participants and their horses. We as a committee wanted to encourage our participants to keep learning about their riding both by hosting and attending.

2. Prizes would be awarded to the top participants, but of course will not have been selected or purchased ahead of time. Many of those answering queries said that actual prizes were not the main incentive, just the recognition in the Quarterly and website were hoped for. It was generally agreed that any awards would not be clothing, due to size/quality/gender issues.
 - a. Patches for hourly awards have been purchased in the past, and there are many left. It was generally agreed that we will continue to send those as they are earned.
 - b. Medals, Gold, Silver and Bronze are also in stock. They can be and will continue to be awarded to the top participants.
 - c. We discussed using gift cards as prizes for qualifying top participants. Those responding did like the idea of gift cards, as they could purchase a gift suitable to themselves. This follows the lead of other programs, such as the Breed Ambassador Programs.

3. It was generally accepted that there will be a small registration fee and form to be filled out and paid to USIHC to participate. That can be either annual or lifetime. And a discount for families should be considered. It is felt that registration will assist in managing the participants by acquiring current email, snail mail and phone numbers, and the small fee will be used to offset some of the cost to administer the program such as awards purchase and postage. It probably could not support the Program alone, just consider it to be a user fee. The fee might be part of the annual registration fee if the Board sees fit, or an additional fee if not. The committee discussed amounts as small as \$5, and as much as \$25. With those amounts in mind input from the BOD is hoped for.