



USIHC Board Conference Call Minutes

March 9, 2021

8:00PM (Eastern)

Present: Will Covert, Jeff Rose, Lori Cretney, Virginia Lauridsen, Leslie Chambers, Emily Potts, Lucy Nold, Janet Mulder, Martin Nielsen.

Auditing: Ebba Meehan.

Will Covert called the meeting to order at 8:04pm EST.

1. SECRETARY'S REPORT (MARTIN NIELSEN)

As of March 6, 2021 the USIHC has 793 Members in 599 Households. The membership meeting was a success with approximately 50 people following on Zoom and an additional 20 watching the live-stream on Facebook.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT (LORI CRETNEY/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 2/28/21: \$139,372.75

Unrestricted membership funds as of 2/28/21: \$123,098.21

Net Change from 1/31/21: \$221.96

3. AFFILIATED CLUB COMMITTEE REPORT (LESLIE CHAMBERS)

Nothing to report.

4. BREEDING COMMITTEE REPORT (VIRGINIA LAURIDSEN)

See attached. The breeding manual is now in print and will be proofread one last time. The board discussed a funding plan to help defray costs for organizing breeding shows across the country. Virginia will develop an itemized proposal for approval at the next meeting.

5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT (WILL COVERT AND JEFF ROSE)

See attached trainer certification committee report.

6. LEISURE COMMITTEE REPORT (JANET MULDER)

See attached screen shots.

7. PROMOTIONS AND WEBSITE REPORT (EMILY POTTS)

The USDF All-Breeds Awards webpage is published and now under the "Ride" tab.

I am working with the Registry committee to reorganize the Registration page and documents to make the process easier for users to navigate and find what they need.

A member newsletter will be going out Monday March 8.

8. QUARTERLY COMMITTEE REPORT (NANCY BROWN)

See attached.

9. SPORT COMMITTEE REPORT (MARTIN NIELSEN)

The meeting minutes from January 25 are attached. The sport committee has been working on getting the spring virtual show ready. All domestic US judges have been invited to judge the schooling show and four have accepted. The national ranking show will be judged by the same five international judges, given that this will also serve as WC Try-out. FEIF will meet with all national sport leaders in May and make a decision regarding the WC in Herning.

10. YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT (LUCY NOLD)

The youth committee is working to put together some new ideas for our youth members that can be achieved virtually. Two of the programs we are discussing are a youth pen pal program and a series of virtual clinics that would be available to youth members monthly on zoom. The committee will meet to discuss these ideas further and then will make a proposal to the board.

The FEIF Youth Committee has decided that they will not host the FEIF Youth Camp in Finland this summer due to the risk of hosting an event with 40 kids from abroad. The Youth Camp will still happen in Finland at the next opportunity.

11. Old Business

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

See attached file. Jeff Rose

Jeff had drafted the attached anti-discrimination policy. Virginia made the motion to approve the document with one minor edit. Will seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

b. Registration committee update.

See attached summary. Virginia Lauridsen.

The board discussed a process for transfer of ownership, which involved the USIHC sending a letter to the most recently registered owner of a given horse and requesting them to consent the USIHC to issue a Certificate of Ownership to buyer. The charge will be \$50. Jeff made the motion to approve this process. Virginia seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

12. New Business

a. Discussion of Facebook advertising campaign to join/renew membership. Emily Potts.

The board discussed various advertising strategies. Emily will be drafting the first ad and share it via the group email for approval.

b. Approval of budget for buying additional S2SS patches. Janet Mulder.

111 riders have signed up for the S2SS ride, and we only have 100 2021 patches ordered.

Martin made the motion to approve ordering 100 more patches for \$414.40. Leslie seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

13. Miscellaneous.

The next meeting will be on April 13, at 8pm EST.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11pm EST.

Martin K Nielsen, secretary

03/04/21

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Balance Sheet Standard
As of February 28, 2021

	Feb 28, '21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Associated Checking acct.	33,332.25
Associated Money Market Acct.	96,040.50
Total Checking/Savings	129,372.75
Other Current Assets	
CD ownd by USIHC mature 4/7/22	2,000.00
CD ownd by USIHC mature 10/7/22	2,000.00
CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	
CD-matures 4/14/21	3,000.00
CD-matures 10/11/21	3,000.00
Total CDs for Judge Scholarship ...	6,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	10,000.00
Total Current Assets	139,372.75
Other Assets	
Blood Profile Funding Refund	-5,000.00
Total Other Assets	-5,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	134,372.75
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Unexpended Breeding Fund	330.86
Unexpended Judge Schlshp. Fund	4,000.00
Unexpended World Champshp F...	5,679.70
Unexpended Youth Funds	6,263.98
Total Other Current Liabilities	16,274.54
Total Current Liabilities	16,274.54
Total Liabilities	16,274.54
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	96,926.56
Retained Earnings	15,593.55
Net Income	5,578.10
Total Equity	118,098.21
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	134,372.75

USIHC General Membership Funds

1/31/21		2/28/21
\$ 32,606.07	Checking	\$ 33,332.25
\$ 96,039.78	Money Market	\$ 96,040.50
\$ 10,000.00	CDs	\$ 10,000.00
\$ 138,645.85	subtotal	\$ 139,372.75
\$ (232.79)	Breeding Fund	\$ (330.86)
\$ (4,000.00)	Judge Scholarship Fund	\$ (4,000.00)
\$ (5,478.69)	World Champ. Team Fund	\$ (5,679.70)
\$ (6,058.12)	Youth Fund	\$ (6,263.98)
\$ 122,876.25	USIHC Unrestricted Membership Funds	\$ 123,098.21

Net Change from 1/31/2021

\$221.96

12/31/20 Balance

\$ 117,520.11

Net Change from 12/31/20

\$5,578.10

**United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Income & Expense Report
February 2021**

Income		Expense	
Breeding Committee Income		Competition/Sport Expense	
Breeding Education Seminar	530.00	USDF Exp.	240.00
		2021 Virtual Sport Show exp.	515.57
Interest Income	0.74	Total Competition/Sport Expense	755.57
		Leisure Committee Expense	
		S2SS 2021 Exp.	276.30
		S2SS 2020 Program exp.	13.99
		Total Leisure Committee Expense	290.29
Membership Related Income		Membership Related Expenses	
Farm Listing	213.62	Administration	
		Mbshp. Postage	237.63
Membership Dues		Office/Supplies Exp.	46.43
Family Memberships	441.86	Total Administration	284.06
Foreign Friend mbshp	66.62		
Individual Memberships	1,740.43	Annual Meeting Exp.	
Youth membership	33.68	2021 Annual Meeting exp. (Zoom)	150.00
Total Membership Dues	2,282.59		
		Quarterly Expenses	
Quarterly Inc.		Graphics	1,000.00
Quarterly back issue sales	15.00	Postage for Quarterly	567.74
Total Membership Related Income	2,511.21	Total Quarterly Expenses	1,567.74
		Toll Free line	15.55
		Total Membership Related Expenses	2,017.35
Registry Income		Promotional Exp.	
Duplicate Registration fees	48.55	Promotional postage expenses	76.85
Late Stallion Report fees	196.80		
Registration fees	297.22	Registry Expenses	
Transfer fees	87.78	Clerical for registry	191.00
Total Registry Income	630.35	Registry Office supplies	29.74
		Registry Postage	113.80
USIHC Non-Member fees	24.28	Total Registry Expenses	334.54
Total Income	3,696.58	Total Expense	3,474.60

Net Income : 221.98

**United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Profit and Loss Standard
January through February 2021**

Income		Expense	
Breeding Committee Income		Competition/Sport Expense	
Breeding Education Seminar	530.00	USDF Exp.	240.00
		2021 Virtual Sport Show exp.	515.57
Interest Income	6.60	2020 Virtual Sport Show exp.	644.00
		Total Competition/Sport Expense	1,399.57
Membership Related Income		Leisure Committee Expense	
Farm Listing	1,068.10	S2SS 2021 Exp.	276.3
Membership Dues		S2SS 2020 Program exp.	13.99
Family Memberships	1,579.01	Total Leisure Committee Expense	290.29
Foreign Friend mbshp	66.62		
Individual Memberships	5,348.24	Membership Related Expenses	
Youth membership	67.36	Administration	
Total Membership Dues	7,061.23	Mbshp. Postage	237.63
		Office/Supplies Exp.	105.82
Quarterly Inc.		Total Administration	343.45
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	2,254.45		
Quarterly back issue sales	40.00	Annual Meeting Exp.	
Total Quarterly Inc.	2,294.45	2021 Annual Meeting exp. (Zoom)	150.00
Total Membership Related Income	10,423.78		
		FEIF related expenses	
Registry Income		FEIF Mbshp fees	2,359.79
Duplicate Registration fees	98.55	Quarterly Expenses	
Late Stallion Report fees	390.40	Graphics	1,000.00
Registration fees	590.94	Postage for Quarterly	567.74
Transfer fees	203.34	Total Quarterly Expenses	1,567.74
Total Registry Income	1,283.23		
		Toll Free line	31.10
		Total Membership Related Expenses	4,452.08
		Promotional Exp.	
		Promotional postage expenses	76.85
		Registry Expenses	
		Clerical for registry	376.00
		Registry Office supplies	29.74
		Registry Postage	113.80
		Total Registry Expenses	519.54
USIHC Non-Member fees	72.82	Total Expense	6,738.33
Total Income	12,316.43		

Net Income : 5,578.10

Breeding Committee Meeting Minutes March 8, 2021

Members Present: Kristina Berhringer, Deb Cook, Sherry and Ron Hoover, Virginia Lauridsen (chair) Hazel Lynn, Susy Oliver

Virginia called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. CST

The committee first discussed questions to have Arnar discuss at the Virtual Breeding seminar. There is a google doc with questions collected to date. Virginia will send them to Arnar tomorrow.

The committee then discussed the Breeding Manual Cover. Members unanimously preferred the “simpler” style.

The committee then discussed the next *Focus on Breeding* article for *Quarterly*, which will highlight how to sell your breeding offspring. Lucy and Sherry strongly prefer to train them first. Icelandics need gait training, and not everyone is capable of doing it. Tools breeders can use include Facebook, Farm page on USIHC, and your farm website. Dreamhorse.com and Equinenow.com are also options. Susy suggested that good photos and good video are very helpful. With the COVID pandemic in 2020, she had good success with “Virtual” meet ups. The client could then schedule a live visit. 2020 was a great year for the sale of horses, both domestic bred and imports.

The committee then discussed including a pros and cons of buying domestic vs. imports. This could be a hot-button issue. Sherry – hold off on the import/domestic article until we have more info. Why were so many horses imported last year? Was it a strong economy? Perhaps because it is an outside activity? COVID has changed people’s desire to travel. Virginia mentioned that many trekking farms in Iceland sold off a lot of their farm stock due to financial strain. U.S. importers were able to buy low and sell high, but this can lead to dangerous situations. She suggested just writing about the high quality of current domestic breeding. Some ideas are:; most trekking horses don’t have the situations/environments we have in the U.S. i.e. no trees in Iceland. Deb mentioned that domestic horses are likely not to have sweet itch, you can also see them in person. Susy mentioned that the riding style of American riders is often different and U.S. trainers are aware of that. Sherry mentioned all the different ways we use the horse; obstacles, liberty, barrel racing, dressage.

The committee then discussed ways to promote the Icelandic breed in the U.S. We do horse fairs, but we should do more on social media. What can we do to point interest buyers toward appropriate places? Susy suggested farms could invite people over just to learn about the Icelandic breed and how to ride. We could create a list of people willing to share their knowledge. Lucy suggested adding information with the farm listing. We could ask people paying for farm listings; do you sell? Train? Teach lessons? Would you be willing to introduce new people to the breed? Perhaps Emily could do this with a simple change to the form.

What about Facebook? Who administers the Icelandic USA Breeders page? Andrea Brodie? The Icelandic Horses Everything is very popular. Hazel suggested we could add links to publications on the site, but it might be good to link from the USIHC page as it is well established.

The committee discussed Informed Buyer Guide that used to be on the website. Virginia will ask Emily to look for it and send it to the committee. We may need to tweak it, but it could be a great resource.

What about a new studbook?

Create a new studbook? Lucy and Heidi have discussed creating a stallion page, but wanted owners to include certain criteria in order to post, which is difficult to “police.” Could we have this on the USIHC website or perhaps a link to another website? Susy suggested using the Gaedinga website with a hyperlink on the USIHC. It has already been paid for and could serve the purpose well. Lucy offered to work on it. Owners would have to submit specific information. We could have an album for each horse with pictures of the stallion, offspring, location, stud fee, and scores. Lucy will make a list of specifics . Virginia will get a list of stallions bred in 2019 and 2020 and contact the stallion owners.

The committee then discussed how to incorporate more educational opportunities in conjunction with breeding assessments; Virginia is offering a breeding seminar, mock assessments, and a riding horse assessment. What about the young horse linear assessment? Sherry mentioned it can be stressful on an young foal to travel a long distance and stay in a stall. We could use a local foal for educational purposes. Arnold has done this. It might also be possible to look at the sire, dam and foal. Elsa did this at Lettleiki. She discussed the traits and what is passed on. Susy suggested looking at foals of different ages and development stages. We could evaluate how conformation affects how you train, ride and use a horse (Riding Horse Assessment) and differences in what is important for different disciplines.

The committee then discussed how to encourage people to use good breeding practices. Perhaps having “Proven breeders?” Lucy suggested following the AKC model for approved breeders; it involves having all puppies registered. Filing stallion reports. We could add having at least one offspring assessment but that takes time, and we have had few official assessments. Deb suggested using evaluated breeding stock to encourage breeding to high quality. We would probably need to keep it simple for now, but we could highlight approved breeders on the farm list.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. CST

US Trainer Certification Meeting
February 16, 2020, 8:30 EST

Members Present: Laura Benson, Carrie Lyons Brandt, Caeli Cavanagh, Virginia Lauridsen (chair), Jana Meyer, Alex Pregitzer

Members Absent: None

Virginia called the meeting to order at 6:42 CST

Caeli and Laura began discussing the method of practical tests in Iceland: they begin with a riding test to refine your basics;

- First test is a lunging test with two side reins; equally positioned, done on a straight line in walk, trot, and canter. Emphasis is on straightness and technique; should know at what point to add the side reins.
- Second test is seat test on the lunge line; posting trot, sitting trot; half seat; two-point; canter, some of the test without stirrups.
- First Semester end test; dressage/gait test; show tolt on 20 m circle; on long sides show trot sitting and posting, show canter on circle. Show exercises like shoulder in at walk, leg yield, sitting/posting trot across the diagonal.
- Second semester end test; ground work test; one hand on bit (from Phillippe Karl's dressage); halting square, back up, leg yielding, shoulder-in, haunches-in, turn on the fore. Mounting, stopping, kissing stirrups.
- In hand test; trot, halt, walk, stop, leg-yielding both sides, stretch down (horse you trained yourself – not necessarily a green horse, just one that only you rode), then obstacle course.
- On school horse; dressage test with Stangir bit and no stirrups,
- Final exam with a horse you have been working with for six weeks. Basically a Gaedingafimi test; same skills as before Christmas but at a higher level. Quality of gait is judged. Ask for gallop on the straight track. Option of turn on the fore/shoulder-in. Twenty-meter canter circle. Choices of haunches-in/turn on the haunches. They have now added a ponying test. There is an introduction to pace. Three-week session on training fast tempo in all gaits.
- Start in a group and then graduate to no stirrups dressage test, end with Gaedingafimi.

The committee then discussed the next steps:

Virginia will create a google doc with test areas and the committee will weigh in on how to test these areas.

The test questions have been reviewed and will be reviewed again for other edits.

The committee then moved to the study guide; Alex suggested that the *Quarterly* could be a good resource as well. There have been excellent articles on tack, and the hoof. Laura suggested

citing them as supplemental reading and cite specific articles. Caeli emphasized that we should cite specific articles. Virginia reminded the committee that the study guide should reflect the views that the committee feels are “correct.” Sometimes there might be varying views in the *Quarterly*. Also one explanation might work better for one rider might not be the best for another. Laura mentioned that they were given supplemental resources to read at Holar and we should put a “disclaimer” that different views might be expressed. The committee also discussed creating power points for specific topics

Virginia will send a google.doc link for the subjects of the practical exam, a link to the upcoming virtual breeding seminar, an agenda for the next meeting and the Zoom info.

The committee members will review the study guide and look for areas that might need to have material created.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 Eastern Time

Next Meeting March 16 at 8 pm. Eastern time

Miles Completed

	250	500	750	1000	1250
Team/Individual					
AIHA	3/8/21				
Alaska Arctic Rider	2/7/21	3/8/21			
Blue Ridge Riders					
Frozen Tundra Tolters	2/7/21	3/8/21	3/8/21		
Girls from Vermont Icelandic horse Farm	2/7/21	3/8/21	3/8/21		
Heaven's Icies					
Hestafolk	2/7/21	3/8/21	3/8/21		
Hestafolk II	2/7/21	2/7/21	3/8/21		
Ice Trekkers	2/7/21	2/7/21	3/8/21	3/8/21	
Merrimack Valley Icelandics	2/7/21	2/7/21	3/8/21		
Merrimack Valley Icelandics II	2/7/21	2/7/21	3/8/21		
Northcountry Tolters	2/7/21	3/8/21			
Sirius Trail Tolters I	3/8/21				
Sirius Trail Tolters II					
Solfaxi	2/7/21	2/7/21	3/8/21		
Solheimar Dream Team	2/7/21	2/7/21	3/8/21	3/8/21	3/8/21
The Merry Maryland Mares					
Virginia Valkyries	3/8/21				
West Coast Tölting Girls	2/7/21	2/7/21	3/8/21		

Quarterly Committee report
March 5, 2021
submitted by Nancy Brown

The Quarterly Committee is now hard at work on Issue Two 2021. The deadline for articles & illustrations (including cover photos) is April 1. Board members and committee chairs, please send us any text, photos, or advertisements you want us to print in this issue. Remember that ads for USIHC events & programs are free, space permitting.

After editing and committee review, the submissions will enter the design stages on April 15; our press date is May 1. The e-Quarterly should be ready on May 15, with printed copies mailed by June 1.

We are budgeted to print 600 copies of this issue, which is only a little more than enough to cover our current mailing list. If you need copies for promotional purposes between June and September, please contact quarterly@icelandics.org in April so that we can plan and increase our print run if necessary.

The USIHC is committed to fostering and maintaining an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. Each individual has the right to an atmosphere that promotes equal opportunities and prohibits unlawful discriminatory practices, including harassment. The USIHC expects that all relationships among persons involved in the Congress will be free of explicit bias, prejudice and harassment.

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Harassing conduct includes epithets, slurs or negative stereotyping; threatening, intimidating or hostile acts; denigrating jokes; and written or graphic material that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual or group that is placed on walls or elsewhere on the employer's premises or circulated in the workplace, on company time or using company equipment by e-mail, phone (including voice messages), text messages, social networking sites or other means.

These policies apply to all members of the USIHC when engaged in any activities arising out of or relating to equine activities. Conduct prohibited by these policies is unacceptable in any such circumstance.

The USIHC encourages reporting of all perceived incidents of discrimination, harassment or retaliation, regardless of the offender's identity or position. Individuals who believe that they have been the victim of such conduct should report any concerns surrounding these policies, or possible violations of these policies, to any USIHC board member.

Any reported allegations of harassment, discrimination or retaliation will be investigated promptly. The investigation may include individual interviews with the parties involved and, where necessary, with individuals who may have observed the alleged conduct or may have other relevant knowledge.

The USIHC will maintain confidentiality throughout the investigatory process to the extent consistent with adequate investigation and appropriate corrective action. Retaliation against an individual for reporting harassment or discrimination or for participating in an investigation of a claim of harassment or discrimination is a serious violation of this policy and, like harassment or discrimination itself, will be subject to disciplinary action. Acts of retaliation should be reported as soon as possible and will be promptly investigated and addressed.

Misconduct constituting harassment, discrimination or retaliation will be dealt with appropriately. Responsive action may include, for example, training, referral to counseling, reprimand, temporary or permanent removal from events, and / or temporary or permanent removal from membership.

Registration Committee Meeting Minutes March 2, 2021

Present: Asta Covert, Virginia Lauridsen, Lucy Nold, Jeff Rose

The meeting started at 8 pm EST

Virginia asked the committee to consider making formal policies for various registration issues. Many questions come to the breeding chair and there is no standard USIHC policy. As a membership based organization, we serve the membership and should try to help if we can. As registrar, Asta doesn't want to make decisions on her own. Some questions may have privacy issues, such as, can we legally give out personal information? Jeff said that there are different privacy laws for minors and adults. The USIHC would probably not get in trouble except in a rare instance with a difficult person. He suggested we could put some legal language on the registration application, stating that the applicant agrees to have their name listed on Worldfengur as the owner. Emily said it would be easy to change the application. The committee agreed to take that idea to the board.

There are various potential issues and Virginia suggested dealing with them individually. For problems with current ownership, if there is no paper trail, Lucy suggested making a standardized email to the owner of record asking if they will transfer ownership. Jeff suggested that the USIHC could attempt to contact the owner of record with the form; if no response within 30 days we would change with a signed Bill of Sale and proof of payment. Lucy suggested that the form have an option to sign over ownership or not. A of release of ownership. It would need to be a US registered horse. If the horse is registered in Iceland or another country, they need duplicate papers from that country.

The committee then discussed the point of the stallion report. In Iceland it gives the breeder a stamp as a preferred breeder. It can also offer insight into fertility. If the breeder refuses to sign the stallion report, it could be that there are outstanding stud fees. If the breeder does not wish their name to be associated with the horse the farm name can be left out (it is listed NN); or the horse breeder can be left blank. The current owner could pick a farm name. Lucy suggested calling the stallion owner personally and asking if they would agree to sign the report with those conditions.

Virginia asked about fees for an applicant who is requesting help from the USIHC? Lucy suggested that they already have to pay for duplicate papers. Jeff suggested a fee of \$50 for tracking down the owner of record and reaching out to them. Virginia suggested that some fee for the extra work is appropriate. Jeff said it would be difficult to do something outside of our borders. If the owner is in another country we cannot help. However, we should charge a fee so that people will do things on their own before contacting us.

Asta said we really started using Worldfengur in 2007, so there may still be inaccuracies – if a registered horse is listed with incorrect ownership, the owner should send an email to the registry and she will look it up.

The committee next discussed the issue of having DNA on record in the US database. All imports must have DNA on file. Owners can choose to have a new DNA test or transfer the markers to UC Davis. Lucy read her statement about the justification for that policy.

“Correct me if I’m wrong... but I believe the reason for this rule is parentage of any potential offspring. Each imported mare and stallion needs to have DNA on file because when someone goes to register their offspring the foals DNA will be run against the parents to confirm that the offspring is in fact from those parents. This is the reason it is not required for geldings who will obviously not have offspring that need to be registered. As Ásta said, people have the option to their take a new sample and pay to have it typed with the VGL or they can have a foreign type put on file with the VGL. Either way the horse must have its genotype on file with the VGL before being registered with the USIHC as to not create bigger issues when it’s potential offspring are trying to be registered. “

Lucy thinks that it will be easier when they pay for everything on our website it will be easier.

The committee then discussed the current registration process and changes which will happen with the new database ownership by the USIHC. Owners will:

1. Fill out a form and pay on the USIHC website
2. Asta will send an email with a submission form
3. The applicant will send the submission form with the sample to UC Davis
4. UC Davis will contact our registry and Asta will send the results to the applicant.

Asta mentioned that some people pay for a transfer of ownership for imports rather than the registration fee. Emily suggested making it clearer on the website; have an individual tab for each scenario rather than all of the forms on one page, such as;

Horses imported in utero

Register your import

Register your domestic foal

Transfer Ownership of USIHC registered horse

People also get confused with import dates, especially with horses from Canada. We may need a separate tab for horses imported from countries other than Iceland. Asta said she would make a list of all the different circumstances. Emily agreed to make changes to the website to make the process more transparent.

Lucy suggested including:

Color Test

Gait Test

Asta needs to create a login for the USIHC registry.

The committee then discussed possible other issues; the dam wasn't registered or horse was imported in utero. If the dam wasn't registered, the foal cannot be either. If the horse was imported in utero, you need the breeder to file something in the country of origin.

For the breeding manual: Lucy suggested get the signatures when you have your mare covered.

Virginia will send the suggestions to the board. If approved she will write a sidebar for the next *Quarterly* and the committee will proof.

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm EST

Sample Registration Ownership Change Letter

Dear _____:

The USIHC received a request from _____ ("BUYER") to register the horse (_____ from _____) in their name. You currently are listed as the registered owner of that horse.

Please let us know if you consent for the USIHC to issue a new Certificate of Ownership in BUYER's name. If you do not consent, please let us know why, and we will not issue a Certificate of Ownership to BUYER.

If we do not hear from you within 30 days, we will assume that you consent and, upon being provided with a signed Bill of Sale and proof of payment, the USIHC will issue a Certificate of Ownership to BUYER.