

USIHC Board Meeting Minutes

All present except Jeff Rose

Topic: USIHC Board

Time: Jun 13, 2023 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Reports of Officers

President- Virginia Lauridsen, Show “season”, INLUS [report](#)

A discussion was had about trying coordinate show dates for a showing season, to try and allow as many participants to attend as many shows as possible. And not to have show dates conflicting with each other. It was suggested that maybe having a show deadline would help, another suggestion was to have a show sub committee that would set the dates for the year as show organizers submitted requests.

Another suggestion was having the show dates set during the annual meeting, as of now Virginia and Maggie do coordinate to have show dates that don't conflict.

Virginia reported that INLUS would like to have a link on our website, as a partner in some way. It was a question as to what they would offer our members. Emily will connect with the person at INLUS and see if it is mutually beneficial.

Secretary- Sara Stewart (membership numbers) 825 individual members, 631 households

Treasurer- Lori Cretney (see reports attached) There was a profit this month, noted that next month we will have the quarterly expensive so there will be a loss. Leslie is working on getting the judges paid from the virtual show.

Reports of Committees

Affiliated Clubs - Leslie Chambers, nothing to report

Clinic and show in Iowa at the end of September. Toppur eligible for policy 31 funding.

Breeding Committee- Virginia Lauridsen

Education Committee- Jeff Rose

Leisure Committee - Janet Mulder, check points attached

Sport Committee- Asta Covert

Caeli Cavanagh sent me a rule Change for Class Eligibility (see attached) that I shared with the Sport Committee to vote on and The committee unanimously voted for option 1 with suggestion to have a separate Youth Class/Final to avoid the concern of some participants to ride with children in the track at the same time. Rule changes are usually done at prior to April 1st. to coincide with the FEIF Rule updates each year but some of the members of the committee thought it would be reasonable to do a mid season change in this case so the suggestion is July 1 this rule would go in effect.

This was discussed and a motion was made by Leslie and seconded by Asta, Lucy and Sara abstained and everyone else voted yes to option 1 of proposal, it will go into effect 7/1/2023.

Virginia stepped down as candidate for team leader for World Championship, Carrie Brandt will be the team leader.

Youth Committee- Lucy Nold

4 kids have signed up and paid for the FEIF youth camp. Another country leader will be attending to our kids because the US does not have someone volunteering to go.

NAYC is coming together, 20 kids, 4 team leaders and 4 trainers.

It was discussed if we should continue to do the youth virtual show or just add kids classes to the fall and spring virtual shows. A motion was made by Leslie to add FEIF youth cup tryout videos to be apart of the fall virtual show, multiple people seconded and all were in favor. It was decided to announce this now for planning purposes. Add 16 and under classes AND youth tryout class.

Promotions and Website - Emily Potts

Virtual show results are in. Caeli working on lifetime achievement, people will apply and applications will be gathered before medals are ordered next year.

Quarterly Report -Nancy Brown (see attached)

New Business-

A discussion was had about adding some para classes to the virtual shows. It was decided that more research needed to be done. Jeff will be consulted and Janet would look into US Equestrians polices regarding such classes.

Next meeting will be July 18th, there will be no August meeting due to the World Championships. The NAYC needs to be added to the calendar.

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.

Balance Sheet

As of May 31, 2023

06/04/23

	May 31, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Associated Checking acct.	83,252.84
Associated Money Market Acct.	96,176.93
Total Checking/Savings	179,429.77
Other Current Assets	
CD2884 own USIHC mature10/7/23	2,000.00
CD3696 ownUSIHC mature 10/7/25	2,000.00
CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	
CD 3746-matures 4/15/23	3,000.00
CD 3720-matures 10/11/24	3,000.00
Total CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	6,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	10,000.00
Total Current Assets	189,429.77
Other Assets	
Blood Profile Funding Refund	-5,000.00
Total Other Assets	-5,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	184,429.77
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Unexpended Educational Outreach	233.97
Unexpended Breeding Fund	2,390.40
Unexpended Judge Schlsph. Fund	4,000.00
Unexpended World Champshp Fund	8,471.29
Unexpended Youth Funds	10,022.79
Total Other Current Liabilities	25,118.45
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Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	96,926.56
Retained Earnings	49,583.27
Net Income	12,801.49
Total Equity	159,311.32
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	184,429.77

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Income & Expense Report
January through May 2023

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Breeding Committee Income		Breeding Committee Expense	
Breeding Manual	\$ -	Breeding Comm Equip. Expense	\$ -
Total Breeding Committee Income	<u>\$ -</u>	Breeding FEIF Assessment Fees	\$ -
Competition/Sport Income		Competition/Sport Expense	
Ice Test Fee Income	\$ 551.81	IceTest Annual Fee	\$ 1,371.12
FEIF World Ranking Comp. Fee	\$ 323.84	2023 Virtual Sport Show Exp.	\$ 1,031.11
Virtual Youth NR Entry Fees	\$ -	2022 Virtual Sport Show Exp.	\$ 406.50
Virtual FEIF Youth Tryouts	\$ -	2021 Virtual Sport Show Exp.	\$ -
Virtual Competition Entry Fee	\$ 3,472.44	National Ranking Award Exp.	\$ 1,114.13
Virtual Competition Sponsorship	\$ 311.20	Sport Judges Continuing Education	\$ -
NR Competition Fees	\$ 214.74	FEIF World Ranking Competition Fee	\$ -
Total Competition Sport Income	<u>\$ 4,874.03</u>	2023 USDF Expense	\$ 240.00
		2022 USDF Expense	\$ 51.50
Education Committee Income		Total Competition/Sport Expense	<u>\$ 4,214.36</u>
Trainer's Certification	\$ -	Education Committee Expense	
Virtual Education Seminars	\$ 4,322.16	Trainer's Certification	\$ 322.12
Total Education Committee	<u>\$ 4,322.16</u>	Virtual Education Seminar Expense	\$ 924.86
Interest Income	\$ 81.28	FEIF Conference Expense	
Membership Related Income		FEIF 2023 Conference Expense	\$ 633.53
Farm Listing	\$ 1,914.23	Funding Programs	
Stallion Listing	\$ 47.76	Flagship Event-Clinic	\$ -
Membership Dues		Flagship Event - Breeding	\$ 2,000.00
Family Memberships	\$ 3,387.11	Flagship Event - National Ranking Shows	\$ 800.00
Foreign Friend mbshp	\$ 454.32	Leisure Committee Expense	
Individual Memberships	\$ 12,265.68	S2SS 2023 Expense	\$ 399.24
Individual 3 Year Membership	\$ 1,329.88	Membership Related Expenses	
Individual Lifetime	\$ 2,400.00	Administration	
Youth Membership	\$ 527.60	Membership Postage	\$ -
Total Membership Dues	<u>\$ 20,364.59</u>	Insurance	\$ -
Quarterly Income		Tax Preparation	\$ 405.50
Quarterly Ads Income	\$ 3,355.81	Annual Meeting Expense	\$ 150.00
Total Membership Related Inc.	<u>\$ 25,682.39</u>	FEIF Related Expenses	\$ -
Registry Income		Quarterly Expenses	
DNA	\$ 449.71	Graphics	\$ 2,000.00
Horse Name Change	\$ -	Postage for Quarterly	\$ 1,602.45
Duplicate Registration Fees	\$ 196.01	Printing	\$ 6,003.38
Late Stallion Report Fees	\$ 192.04	Total Quarterly Expenses	<u>\$ 9,605.83</u>
Registration Fees	\$ 1,552.06	Service Fees	
Transfer Fees	\$ 1,099.15	Bank Fees	\$ 33.00
Total Registry Income	<u>\$ 3,488.97</u>	Zoom	\$ 320.79
USIHC Non-Member Fees	<u>\$ 376.60</u>	Toll Free Line	\$ 83.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 38,825.43</u>	Website	\$ 2,469.70
		Worldfengur	\$ -
		Total Membership Related Exp.	<u>\$ 13,067.82</u>
		Promotional Expense	
		Educational/Promotional Outreach	\$ -
		Promotional Advertising	\$ 1,000.00
		Promotional Postage Expense	\$ 125.08
		RC Co-op Promo Exp.	\$ 300.00
		Total Promotional Expense	<u>\$ 1,425.08</u>
		Registry Expenses	
		DNA	\$ 685.00
		Clerical for Registry	\$ 1,187.00
		Printing Registration Paper	\$ -
		Office Supplies	\$ 59.23
		Registry Postage	\$ 305.70
		Worldfengur Subscription	\$ -
		Total Registry Expenses	<u>\$ 2,236.93</u>
		Total Expense	<u>\$ 26,023.94</u>
Net Income (Loss):		\$ 12,801.49	

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Income & Expense Report
May 31, 2023

Income		Expense	
Breeding Committee Income		Breeding Committee Expense	
Breeding Manual	\$ -	Breeding Comm Equip. Expense	\$ -
Total Breeding Committee Income	\$ -	Breeding FEIF Assessment Fees	\$ -
Competition/Sport Income		Competition/Sport Expense	
Ice Test Fee Income	\$ 499.42	IceTest Annual Fees	\$ -
FEIF World Ranking Comp. Fee	\$ -	2023 Virtual Sport Show Exp.	\$ 394.80
Virtual Youth NR Entry Fees	\$ -	2022 Virtual Sport Show Exp.	\$ -
Virtual FEIF Youth Tryouts	\$ -	2021 Virtual Sport Show Exp.	\$ -
Virtual Competition Entry Fee	\$ 3,213.81	National Ranking Award Exp.	\$ -
Virtual Competition Sponsorship	\$ 311.20	Sport Judges Continuing Education	\$ -
NR Competition Fees	\$ 72.76	FEIF World Ranking Competition Fee	\$ -
Total Competition Sport Income	\$ 4,097.19	2022 USDF Expense	\$ -
		Total Competition/Sport Expense	\$ 394.80
Education Committee Income		Education Committee Expense	
Trainer's Certification	\$ -	Trainer's Certification	\$ -
Virtual Education Seminars	\$ (105.00)	Virtual Education Seminar Expense	\$ -
Total Education Committee	\$ (105.00)	FEIF Conference Expense	
Interest Income	\$ 16.33	FEIF 2023 Conference Expense	\$ -
		Funding Programs	
Membership Related Income		Flagship Event-Clinic	\$ -
Farm Listing	\$ 212.32	Flagship Event - Breeding	\$ 2,000.00
Stallion Listing	\$ -	Flagship Event - National Ranking Shows	\$ 800.00
		Leisure Committee Expense	
Membership Dues		S2SS 2023 Expense	\$ -
Family Memberships	\$ 383.60	Membership Related Expenses	
Foreign Friend mbshp	\$ 152.24	Administration	
Individual Memberships	\$ 2,421.96	Membership Postage	\$ -
Individual 3 Year Membership	\$ 738.54	Insurance	\$ -
Individual Lifetime	\$ -	Tax Preparation	\$ -
Youth Membership	\$ 238.80	Annual Meeting Expense	\$ -
Total Membership Dues	\$ 3,935.14	FEIF Related Expenses	\$ -
		Quarterly Expenses	
Quarterly Income		Graphics	\$ 1,000.00
Quarterly Ads Income	\$ -	Postage for Quarterly	\$ 631.40
Total Membership Related Inc.	\$ 4,147.46	Printing	\$ -
Registry Income		Total Quarterly Expenses	\$ 1,631.40
DNA	\$ 120.00	Service Fees	
Horse Name Change	\$ -	Bank Fees	\$ 33.00
Duplicate Registration Fees	\$ 100.00	Zoom	\$ -
Late Stallion Report Fees	\$ -	Toll Free Line	\$ 16.60
Registration Fees	\$ 560.90	Website	\$ -
Transfer Fees	\$ 391.42	Worldfengur	\$ -
Total Registry Income	\$ 1,172.32	Total Membership Related Exp.	\$ 1,681.00
		Promotional Expense	
USIHC Non-Member Fees	\$ 147.74	Educational/Promotional Outreach	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 9,476.04	Promotional Advertising	\$ -
		Promotional Postage Expense	\$ -
		RC Co-op Promo Exp.	\$ 150.00
		Total Promotional Expense	\$ 150.00
		Registry Expenses	
		DNA	\$ 50.00
		Clerical for Registry	\$ 87.00
		Printing Registration Paper	\$ -
		Office Supplies	\$ -
		Registry Postage	\$ -
		Worldfengur Subscription	\$ -
		Total Registry Expenses	\$ 137.00
		Total Expense	\$ 5,162.80
Net Income (Loss):		\$ 4,313.24	

USIHC General Membership Funds

<u>4/30/2023</u>		<u>5/31/2023</u>
\$ 83,528.32	Checking	\$ 83,252.84
\$ 96,160.60	Money Market	\$ 96,176.93
\$ 10,000.00	CDs	\$ 10,000.00
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\$ 189,688.92	Subtotal	\$ 189,429.77
\$ (2,839.24)	American Youth Cup	\$ -
\$ (2,385.58)	Breeding Fund	\$ (2,390.40)
\$ (233.97)	Educational Outreach	\$ (233.97)
\$ (4,000.00)	Judge Scholarship Fund	\$ (4,000.00)
\$ (8,393.21)	World Champ. Team Fund	\$ (8,471.29)
\$ (11,838.84)	Youth Fund	\$ (10,022.79)
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\$ 159,998.08	USIHC Unrestricted Membership Funds	\$ 164,311.32

Net Change from 4/30/2023
 \$ 4,313.24

12/31/2022 Balance Net Change from 12/31/2022
 \$ 151,509.83 \$ 12,801.49

Affiliated Club Committee Report for June 2023

Chair: Leslie Chambers

Members: N=28

Upcoming BOD meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 1 at 8:00 EST

Regional Club Clinics/Shows - Policy #31, 2023

(updated 6/6/23 LKC)

Regional Club	Region	Contact-ACC	Clinic/ Schooling Show	ACC Chair/ Calendar notification funds
Alaska IHA	Alaska	Ellen Halvorson		
California IA	Mid-South CA	Asta Covert		
Cascade IHC	Pacific NW Portland OR/Vancouver WA	Lisa Roland		
Flugnir IHC	WI and MN	Eve Loftness		
Frida IRC	Mid-Atlantic	Carrie Laurencot		

Hestafolk	NW Washington NW/Canadian Border	Lisa McKeen		
Klettafjalla IHC	Rocky Mountains	Angie Calve		
Kraftur	Northern CA	Carol Tolbert		
NEIHC	NE	Leslie Chambers		
NWIHC	Pacific NW	Laura Harrigan		
Saint Skutla IHC	Central and Western NY	Andrea Barber		
Sirius Ohio Kentucky IHC	Ohio and Kentucky	Sherry Hoover		
Toppur IHC	Iowa	Liz Appel	Olil Amble Sept 23-24 Harmony Icelandics Truro IA	Yes/yes

Proposal for Class Eligibility Rule Change

As it stands we have a rules oversight that needs to be corrected. Currently, we have two rules that essentially come together to create a gray area in our eligibility requirements for certain class trajectories. Namely we have a rule that requires a rider to be at least 14 years old in order to compete in Open classes, but also disqualifies them from competing in Intermediate classes after attaining a 6.0 or above in that division three times. This bumps back that competitor to only competing in Youth classes in that division until the age of 14. Youth classes require the least in terms of shown proficiencies on the track and do not require many of the skills that the competitor has already shown competency in if they are scoring above a 6.0 in intermediate classes. The author believes that this essentially amounts to punishing a competitor for their success and does not allow them to continue to develop their higher level competition skills. Therefore we propose the following two options for closing this gap.

Option 1: Allow the competitor to show in Open Level classes before the age of 14 ONLY IF they have placed out of intermediate classes on the same class track. As far as we are aware, the main concern with younger kids showing in Open level classes was one of liability due to the high speeds and power shown at this level. However a competitor under the age of 14 who has shown above a 6.0 three times has consistently shown a high level of power and speed under group conditions. Therefore we can use the intermediate level success as a litmus test to demonstrate that they will be safe in Open level showing and will not be a liability to themselves or other competitors in Open level competition. A possible counterargument I could foresee here is that if the three scores attained are all in virtual competitions then the competitor would not have experience competing at these speeds and power as a group. If this is a concern a caveat could be added to this rule that at least one disqualifying score must be attained in a group setting at a live show. However it follows that therefore in order for a rider under the age of 14 to be barred from intermediate level showing, one of their scores over 6.0 must occur at a live show where they are not the only competitor.

Option 2: Riders under the age of 14 cannot be barred from Intermediate level competition. This prevents the liability concerns mentioned under option 1,

however it somewhat goes against the spirit of having disqualifying scores in the first place in that a high level competitor will be staying in a lower level class for many years.

In our opinion, option 1 is the better logical fit, however option 2 does close this hole in our competition regulations as well.

It is true that as it stands this proposal only significantly impacts one competitor currently, and committees are often loathe to make decisions with such narrow scope in order to avoid accusations of bias. However, we feel that though this rule change only currently impacts one competitor, the quality of youth competition is on an upward trajectory and this will likely come up again in the future if not addressed now.

Thank you for your consideration Caeli Cavanagh
FEIF Trainer Level 3, FT Member

Quarterly Committee report
June 13, 2023
submitted by Nancy Brown

Quarterly Issue Two 2023 has been mailed & posted on the website, and the committee is now working on Issue Three 2023. The deadline for articles & illustrations (including possible cover photos) is July 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 July 15; our press date is August 1. The e-Quarterly should be ready around August 15, with printed copies mailed by September 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, please contact quarterly@icelandics.org in July so that we can plan and increase our print run if necessary.

