

# USIHC Board Meeting Minutes for November, 2023

Time: Nov 14, 2023 08:00 PM EST (US and Canada)

*Meeting Called to Order at 8:03 EST*

*Attendees: Virginia Lauridsen, Jeff Rose, Lori Cretney, Leslie Chambers, Emily Potts, Janet Mulder and Lucy Nold (excused: Asta Covert and Sara Stewart)*

*Auditor: Carrie Lyons Brandt*

*Meeting Adjourned at 9:07 EST*

## Reports of Officers

**President- Virginia Lauridsen**

### **Treasurer/Bookkeeping :**

*Lori's term as treasurer will end 12/31/23. Discussion on how to fill this role. Jeff motioned that the BOD looks to hire a bookkeeper beginning January of 2024, Em seconded, all agreed. Virginia has identified a couple of people with bookkeeping experience, Lori will talk with each. Em will also post a request for someone with Quickbook experience to our membership to contact Virginia if interested.*

### **Trainer Certification updates:**

*All Trainer Certification Candidates have paid their fees. Candidates were given 2 years from initial testing to retake any tests. There are two candidates that need to make up tests, to be cost efficient, these will be scheduled to coordinate with an event where a FEIF Level 4 trainer is present in 2024.*

### **Info for importers/flyer?**

*In order to ensure that new Icelandic horse owners in the US become aware of the USIHC, Wayne who coordinates the pick-up of imports will distribute USIHC member info and registration information to the new owners. (Em will send Virginia PDF of our welcome brochure).*

### **FEIF Annual Meeting:**

*Virginia will be attending the meeting in Luxemburg Feb 2-4, 2024. We are able to have one delegate which can be Virginia or an additional person. Jeff expressed some interest, if his schedule allows.*

**Secretary- Sara Stewart 838 members, 644 households**

**Treasurer- Lori Cretney** (see reports attached)

*Lori made mention of boxes of USIHC she inherited from Kari regarding financial reports and Articles of Organization. The BOD determined with Articles of Organization should be Fed-Exed to Virginia for safe keeping, but financial documents older than 3 years could be destroyed. All current financial documents are electronic.*

*Lori will provide contact information for New Jersey accountant (Lewin?) who files USIHC tax forms (USIHC is incorporated in New Jersey)*

*Caeli Cavanagh was in touch with Jeff regarding the "Lifetime Achievement" awards she is coordinating. Jeff motioned to allow the USIHC to purchase \$2000 worth of medals, Leslie seconded, all agreed. The bill for the medals will be sent to Lori. There are approximately 18 requests for medals to date, applicants pay a fee that covers the costs of the medals and their shipping.*

## **Reports of Committees**

**Affiliated Clubs** - Leslie Chambers, report attached

**Breeding Committee**- Virginia Lauridsen

**Education Committee**- Jeff Rose

For VP / Education / Sport - FEIF passed a new inclusivity policy in their 2023 update, so we're now ready to vote on our own inclusivity policy.

Our

doc: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SlhRFEawGBt8JhNbfIuRA4V1Mof7BVhFQ9z1QXRLcC8/edit?usp=sharing>

FEIF: Page 12, G.2.1.5

[https://www.feiffengur.com/documents/FEIF%20Sport\\_2023.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3yWuBel8VcJb1jF3vjmMU1zwwOeCjSMo1WN0scTvyG-VR-dR4PPSntv10](https://www.feiffengur.com/documents/FEIF%20Sport_2023.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3yWuBel8VcJb1jF3vjmMU1zwwOeCjSMo1WN0scTvyG-VR-dR4PPSntv10)

*Jeff will make some minor corrections to proposed inclusivity policy. Leslie made motion to accept the policy, Lucy seconded, all agreed.*

**Leisure Committee** - Janet Mulder

*Janet is working on 2024 Sea to Shining Sea ride and will forward shortly.*

## **Sport Committee- Asta Covert**

### **Judging Seminar and webinars**

*Alex Pregitzer and Jana Meyer from the Education Committee and with encouragement and guidance from Thorgeir Gudlaugsson have developed a series of 4 preparatory modules for the Judging Seminar.*

*Leslie motioned that these modules be offered by the USIHC in 2024:*

*Apr 5 at 7 pm eastern time – Module 1*

*Apr 7 at 5 pm eastern time – Module 2*

*Apr 14 at 5 pm eastern time – Module 3 and 4*

*Jeff seconded, all agreed.*

*Participants will pay the USIHC directly to the USIHC (fee will be \$160 /pp of which \$140/pp will be paid back to Jana/Alex).*

## **Youth Committee- Lucy Nold**

Update from the Youth Committee is as follows. Seven complete applications were received for the 2024 FEIF Youth Cup Tryouts. Currently waiting on video scores to complete the team selection process. FEIF gives our country three spots initially but there will likely be opportunity to apply into a lottery for additional spots should there be more than three qualified applicants. Additional qualified applicants beyond the first selected three will be named as alternates.

*Lucy has prepared applications for Country Leader (CL) and Team Leader (TL) for the 2024 FEIF Youth Cup. Emily will post the request and applications for these positions on social media. Applications will go to Lucy, who would like to announce the team and the leader by December 15, 2023.*

## **Promotions and Website - Emily Potts**

*Emily will be posting news regarding our recent election cycle. The BOD had one vacancy and received only one nomination making an election moot.*

## **Quarterly Report -Nancy Brown see attached**

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.

Balance Sheet

As of October 31, 2023

USIHC General Membership Funds

11/04/23

		Oct 31, 23	
ASSETS	9/30/2023	10/31/2023	
Current Assets	\$ 104,435.06	Checking	\$ 98,695.91
Checking/Savings	\$ 96,257.59	Money Market	\$ 96,257.59
Associated Checking acct CDs	\$ 17,900.00		98,695.91
Associated Money Market Acct.	\$ 210,676.30		96,257.59
		Subtotal	\$ 204,953.50
Total Checking/Savings			194,953.50
Other Current Assets	\$ (25,290.00)	American Youth Cup	\$ (25,290.00)
CDs owned by USIHC maturing 10/7/25	\$ (2,429.97)	Breeding Fund	\$ (2,429.97) 2,000.00
CDs owned by USIHC maturing 10/7/25	\$ (233.97)	Educational Outreach	\$ (233.97) 2,000.00
CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	\$ (4,000.00)	Judge Scholarship Fund	\$ (4,000.00) 3,000.00
CD 3746-matures 4/15/25	\$ (5,017.59)	World Champ. Team Fund	\$ (5,017.59) 3,000.00
CD 3742-matures 10/1/24	\$ (10,112.06)	Youth Fund	\$ (10,121.71) 6,000.00
	<b>\$ 163,152.36</b>	<b>USIHC Unrestricted Membership Funds</b>	<b>\$ 157,860.26</b>
Total Other Current Assets			10,000.00
Total Current Assets		Net Change from 9/30/2023	204,953.50
		\$ (5,292.10)	
Other Assets			
Blood Profile Funding Refund			-5,000.00
12/31/2022 Balance		Net Change from 12/31/2022	-5,000.00
Total Other Assets	\$ 15,509.83	\$ 6,350.43	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<b>199,953.50</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
Unexpended American Youth Cup			25,290.00
Unexpended Educational Outreach			233.97
Unexpended Breeding Fund			2,429.97
Unexpended Judge Schlshp. Fund			4,000.00
Unexpended World Champshp Fund			5,017.59
Unexpended Youth Funds			10,121.71
Total Other Current Liabilities			47,093.24
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Total Liabilities			47,093.24
Equity			
Opening Bal Equity			96,926.56
Retained Earnings			49,583.27
Net Income			6,350.43
Total Equity			152,860.26
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			<b>199,953.50</b>



United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.

Income & Expense Report

January through October 2023  
United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.

Income		Income & Expense Report	
Breeding Committee Income		Breeding Committee Expense	
Breeding Annual	\$ -	Breeding Comm Equip. Expense	\$ -
Total Breeding Committee Income	\$ -	Breeding Commission Expenses	\$ -
Competition/Sport Income		Breeding Commission Expense	\$ -
Total Breeding Committee Income	\$ 1,214.55	Competition/Sport Expense	\$ -
Lifetime Achievement Medals	\$ 1,401.10	Breeding File Assessment Fees	\$ 1,371.12
Ice Test Fee Income	\$ 944.81	Competition/Sport Expense	\$ 3,212.82
FEIF World Ranking Comp. Fee	\$ 647.62	2023 Virtual Sport Show Exp.	\$ 496.50
Virtual Youth NR Entry Fees	\$ 440.29	2022 Virtual Sport Show Exp.	\$ 359.41
Virtual Youth NR Entry Fees	\$ -	2021 Virtual Sport Show Exp.	\$ -
Virtual Youth NR Entry Fees	\$ 516.27	National Ranking Commission Exp.	\$ 1,114.13
Virtual Youth NR Entry Fees	\$ 5,681.28	Sports Judges Running Avg. Education	\$ -
Virtual Youth NR Entry Fee	\$ 407.22	FEIF World Ranking Commission Education Fee	\$ -
NR Competition Sponsorship	\$ 726.29	World Championship Competition Fee	\$ 5,608.86
Total Competition Sport Income	\$ 10,594.33	2023 World Championship Expenses	\$ 1,500.00
Total Competition Sport Income	\$ 4,148.81	2022 World Championship Expenses	\$ 51.50
Education Committee Income		Total Competition/Sport Expense	\$ 12,004.93
Trainer's Education Committee Income	\$ 969.61	Education Committee Expense	\$ -
Trainer's Certification	\$ 4,322.16	Trainer's Certification	\$ 322.12
Virtual Education Seminars	\$ 5,291.77	Trainer's Certification Seminar Expense	\$ 125.00
Total Education Committee	\$ 163.69	Virtual Education Seminar Expense	\$ 1,274.86
Interest Income	\$ 17.23	FEIF Conference Expense	\$ -
Interest Income	\$ -	FEIF 2023 Conference Expense	\$ 633.53
Membership Related Income		Funding Programs	\$ -
Membership Related Income	\$ 2,869.18	Flagship Event-Clinic	\$ 550.00
Farm Listing	\$ 47.76	Flagship Event-Clinic	\$ 1,300.00
Stallion Listing	\$ -	Flagship Event-Breeding	\$ 3,500.00
Stallion Listing	\$ -	Flagship Event - National Ranking Shows	\$ 3,200.00
Membership Dues		Leisure Committee Expense	\$ -
Family Memberships	\$ 5,915.10	S25S 2023 Expense	\$ 399.24
Foreign Family Memberships	\$ 529,846.71	Membership Related Expenses	\$ -
Individual Memberships	\$ 20,230.06	Administration	\$ -
Individual 3 Year Membership	\$ 2,062.21	Membership Postage	\$ -
Individual 1 Year Membership	\$ 2,400.00	Insurance	\$ 715.00
Youth Memberships	\$ 1,096.24	Tax Preparation	\$ 405.50
Youth Lifetime Memberships	\$ 269.72	Annual Meeting Expense	\$ 150.00
Total Membership Dues	\$ 32,503.19	FEIF Related Expenses	\$ -
Total Membership Dues	\$ 2,355.93	Quarterly Expenses	\$ -
Quarterly Income		Graphics	\$ 3,000.00
Quarterly Income	\$ 7,104.18	Postage for Quarterly	\$ 2,263.37
Total Membership Related Income	\$ 42,524.34	Printing	\$ 13,107.32
Registry Total Membership Related Inc.	\$ 2,826.85	Total Quarterly Expenses	\$ 17,481.29
DNA Registry Income	\$ 947.77	Service Fees	\$ -
Horse Name Change	\$ 152.44	Bank Fees	\$ 45.00
Duplicate Registration Fees	\$ 344.26	Zoom	\$ -
Late Stallion Report Fees	\$ 288.06	Zoom	\$ 320.79
Registration Fees	\$ 2,957.13	Toll Free Line	\$ 16.60
Transfer Fees	\$ 1,777.79	Toll Free	\$ 1,156.00
Total Registry Income	\$ 6,314.98	Website	\$ 7,392.30
USIHC Non-Member Fees	\$ 718.23	Website	\$ 5,600.87
Total Income	\$ 65,607.38	Total Membership Related Exp.	\$ 26,675.88
Net Income (Loss):		Promotional Outreach	\$ -
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		Promotional Advertising	\$ 1,000.00
		Promotional Postage Expense	\$ 202.40
		Registry Postage	\$ 300.00
		Total Promotional Expense	\$ 1,502.40
		Registry Expenses	\$ 33.00
		DNA Clerical for Registry	\$ 900.00
		Clerical for Registry	\$ 2,573.00
		Printing Registration Paper	\$ -
		Office Supplies	\$ 59.23
		Worldfengur Subscription	\$ 461.70
		Registry Postage	\$ 139.00
		Total Registry Expenses	\$ 4,043.93
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Affiliated Club Committee Report for November 2023

Chair: Leslie Chambers

Members: N=26

**Upcoming BOD meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14 at 8:00 EST**

**Regional Club Clinics/Shows - Policy #31, 2023**

(updated 11/8/23 LKC )

Regional Club	Region	Contact-ACC	Clinic/ Schooling Show	ACC Chair/ Calendar notification funds
Alaska IHA	Alaska	Ellen Halvorson	Mulder Clinic Aug 18-19 Wasilla AK	6/13- Yes/yes funded
California IA	Mid-South CA	Asta Covert	Dec 15-17 Flying C Ranch Santa Ynez,CA	10/17 Yes/Yes
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	NR show and clinic Aug 31- Sept 2 Tamangur CO	6/13- Yes/yes funded
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	Schooling Show Alex Pregitzer Sept 9-10 Lettleiki KY	7/28 Yes/yes funded
Toppur IHC	Iowa	Liz Appel	Olil Amble Sept 23-24 Harmony Icelandics Truro IA	2/28 - Yes/yes funded

**Promotion: Regional Clubs banner :**

*Clubs are encouraged to take advantage of the USIHC funding for these banners.* Regional Clubs, here is the link to start the process of creating your joint banner with the USIHC. Em Potts will be assisting you, via this link. All Regional Clubs are eligible for banners, attending an expo is not a requirement.

The link to request banner:

<https://forms.gle/xfGYzruoDMWAmkB6>

**Banners Received:**

1. Sirius (2020)
2. Hestafolk (2020)
3. Klettajalla (2020)
4. NEIHC (2021)
5. Toppur (2021)

**Banners in Planning:**

1. CIA (2023)
2. Cascade (2023)
3. NWIHC (2023)
4. Saint Skutla (2023)

**Quarterly Promotional Copy Requests:**

No new requests.



LKC 11/8/2023

Quarterly Committee report  
November 8, 2023  
submitted by Nancy Brown

Issue Four 2023 of the Quarterly is currently at press. The e-Quarterly should be ready to be released, and printed copies to be mailed, by December 1. We will print 600 copies of this issue, as budgeted.

Issue Four 2023 of *The Icelandic Horse Quarterly* celebrates our World Championship team and Youth Cup participants and discusses saddle fitting, equine massage, and microchips, as well as sharing news from the USIHC Affiliated Clubs, the Board of Directors, and our parent organization, FEIF.

This issue also introduces our new contents page design which, at the request of the Board, more prominently features our standard disclaimer that "All articles and letters represent the opinions of their authors alone. Publication in the *Quarterly* does not imply an endorsement of any kind by the USIHC. Ads are accepted with the understanding that the advertiser is authorized to publish their contents and agrees to indemnify the USIHC and the *Quarterly* against any loss or expense resulting from their publication."

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