

USIHC – Board Of Directors 06/22/10 MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present:

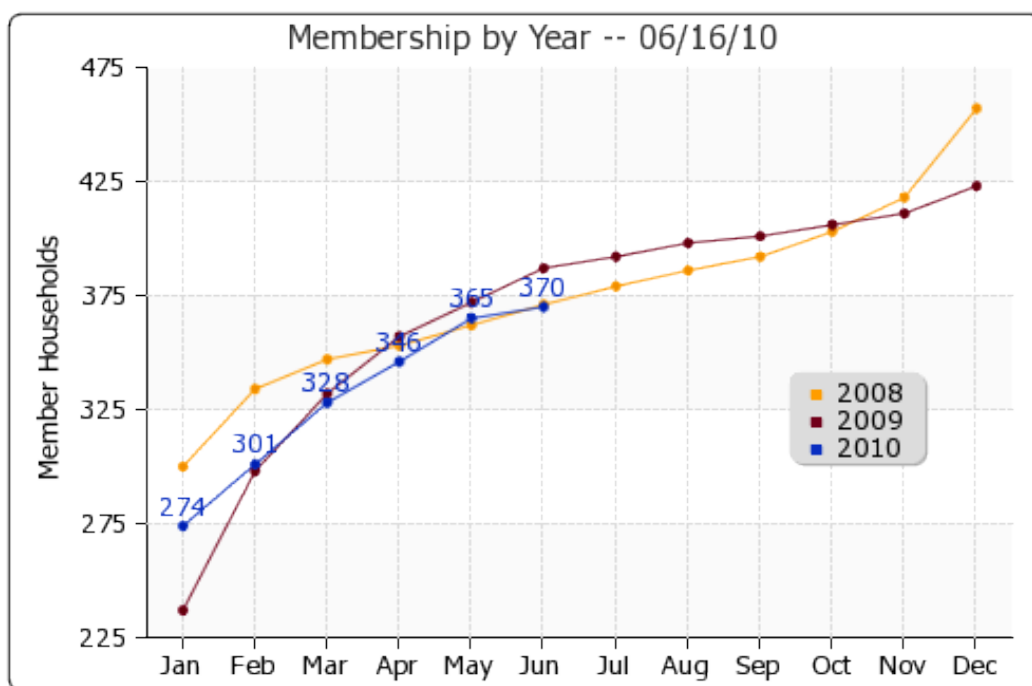
Anne Elwell, Ásta Covert, Sara Lyter, Kari Pietsch-Wangard, Katrin Sheehan, Doug Smith, Sam Castleman, Cindy Wescott, Kathy Lockerbie [joined 9:20]

Observers:

Juli Cole

Meeting Called to Order 9:12PM (Eastern)

Secretary's Report (Doug Smith)



The membership is down from last year and is continuing the trend from May of holding at the 2008 level.

Treasurer's Report (Kari Pietsch-Wangard)

Checking Account balance as of 05/31/2010: \$9,273.63

Money Market account balance as of 05/31/2010: \$105,701.91

Combined cash balances: \$115,425.54

See attached financial statements.

All fees related to the FEIF Youth Cup have been paid in June. USIHC had to submit payment for both the riders', horses' and Country Leader's fees in one wire. I will be invoicing the parents of the riders and using the funds allocated from the Youth Cup fund and Youth Fund (as directed by the Youth advisory group) as a credit towards repayment. The Country Leader's fees will be deducted from the \$1000 stipend.

In June I also paid the annual World Fengur fee for the Registrar (\$136.27) and the "free" membership subscription (\$607.23).

Registrar's Report (Ásta Covert)

No report received.

Standing Committee Reports

Breeding (Katrin Sheehan)

No report received.

Competition (Will Covert, Ásta Covert liaison)

No report received.

Constitutional Review (Kari Pietsch-Wangard)

Nothing to report.

Education (Alexandra Pregitzer, Sara Lyter liaison)

No report received.

Pleasure Riding (Karen Olson-Fields, Kathy Lockerbie liaison)

Midyear logs/hours are due. I should have numbers in by middle of July.

Promotion (Cindy Wescott)

Nothing to report.

Regional Clubs (Barb Riva, Cindy Wescott liaison)

Nothing to report.

Quarterly (Judy Strehler, Anne Elwell liaison)

No report received.

Web (Doug Smith)

The invoice for the annual charges from our Internet Service Provider, FutureQuest, arrived shortly after the agenda was prepared. The total due is \$193.40 due July 22nd. Kari will pay the invoice as this is an expected, budgeted expense.

Youth (Ásta Covert [interim chair])

The Youth Cup is coming up July 10th-18th in Denmark. We are sending 4 young riders. Rachel Ng, Madison Prestine, Kevin Draeger and Caitlin Nold. Our country leader is Jasmine Ho and Team Leader is Perry Rothman-Ostrow. All the paperwork has been submitted to FEIF.

The Youth committee has also been working organizing a Youth Clinic at Wiesenhof, Germany this summer. Amelie has been in touch with Birga Wild. The Date for the clinic is August 2nd through August 13th, 2010. Only two young riders expressed interest in this program for this year. There appears to be interest but the timing was too late for it to succeed this year. The Youth Committee will carry this program forward in to 2011 with more notice to the membership.

FEIF has a Youth Exchange program that we just found out about and the committee is waiting for Susan to confirm who the 5 interested farms in the US are and we already have one German girl interested in coming to the US this summer.

Sam Castleman has agreed to take over from Ásta as the Youth Committee Chair / Youth Leader effective August 1st – after the Youth Cup to maintain consistency through that key event.

Old Business

- “Foreign Friends” Membership Alternative
 - Eliminate the “International Fee” for **members** with non-US mailing addresses.
 - Only available to individuals – no youth or family options.
 - Fee: \$70.00 [Current Individual Membership fee plus international postage up-charge.]
 - Entitlements:
 1. Receive the *Quarterly*
 2. Ability to list events on website
 3. Can participate without non-member fee in any Congress activities where membership or non-member fees apply:
 - (a) PRP
 - (b) Sanctioned shows
 - (c) Clinics and seminars
 - (d) Evaluations
 - (e) Stallion listing
 4. May be included in Farm Listing
 5. May advertise on the website
 6. Have written information on their farm or events on display at Congress Booth locations

MOTION [Kari Pietsch-Wangard] The board adopt the Foreign Friends program as presented as soon as the changes to the website and membership forms can be made. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the program. Doug will make the necessary changes and announce the program's availability on the Board email list and the website's bulletin board page.
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- Report from Breeding Committee on USIHC Procedures for Breeding & Young Horse Evaluations. [Anne Elwell]
This remains a work-in-progress.

New Business

- 2010 Notice of Election [Doug Smith for Election Committee]
The Board approved the attached *Notice* with Kathy Lockerbie abstaining.
- 2011 World Championships Sponsors [Doug Smith]
Doug was given support and suggestions for raising funds to support the US team for the 2011 WC in Austria. Doug will work with a small group to identify sponsorship levels to be announced in the September *Quarterly*.
- 2011 Annual Meeting Venue [Doug Smith]
Cerice Berndsen and Doug have been working on preliminary logistics to hold the annual meeting in New Orleans next year. The Board gave approval for the venue and instructs Doug and Cerice to continue with booking a hotel / conference facility with a budget the same as this year's meeting.
- Electronic Delivery of *Quarterly* for FEIF Member Associations [Doug Smith]
FEIF has requested that we discontinue mailing copies of the magazine. Instead, they would prefer to have each of the Association Chairs receive the PDF via email. The Board approves sending the unlocked PDF files to the FEIF member associations starting in September.

- Icelandic Horse Sanctuary [Katrin Sheehan]
See attached email message from Nicki Branch. The Board discussed the underlying situation at some length. Katrin Sheehan will investigate further to determine the extent of the task to get as many of the rescued horses registered and will report back.

Executive Session (10:15PM Eastern)

Meeting Adjourned 10:30PM (Eastern). The next meeting will be July 15th.

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USIHC

Balance Sheet Standard

As of May 31, 2010

	May 31, '10
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Associated Checking acct.	9,723.63
Associated Money Market Acct.	105,701.91
Total Checking/Savings	115,425.54
Other Current Assets	
CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	
1 yr CD-#2201262884	1,023.23
2 yr CD-#2201262991	2,066.08
4 yr CD-#2201263072	7,284.14
Total CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	10,373.45
Total Other Current Assets	10,373.45
Total Current Assets	125,798.99
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2010 Youth Cup Fund-unexpended	710.00
Unexpended Judge Schlshp. Fund	10,000.00
Unexpended Youth Funds	4,791.31
Total Other Current Liabilities	15,501.31
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Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	96,926.56
Retained Earnings	8,095.73
Net Income	5,275.39
Total Equity	110,297.68
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	125,798.99

USIHC
Income & Expense Report
January through May 2010

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<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
		Competition Comm. Expense	
		National Ranking Award Expense	609.00
		Total Competition Comm. Expense	609.00
Education Seminar Inc.		Education Seminar exp.	
2010 A/M Education seminar Inc.	320.00	2010 Ed. Seminar at Annual Meet	286.72
Total Education Seminar Inc.	320.00	Total Education Seminar exp.	286.72
Interest Income	197.66	FEIF Evaluation fees	466.86
Membership Related Income		Membership Related Expenses	
		Annual Meeting Exp.	
		2010 Annual Meeting	
		2010 Annual Meeting dinner exp.	2,040.75
		2010 Annual Meeting Room Exp.	615.52
2010 A/M Dinner Inc.	1,850.00	Total 2010 Annual Meeting	2,656.27
Farm Listing		Total Annual Meeting Exp.	2,656.27
2010 Farm Listing	1,844.48	FEIF related expenses	
Total Farm Listing	1,844.48	FEIF Conf. exp.	4,517.02
FEIF Conf. Reimbsmt.	1,674.72	FEIF Mbshp fees	1,582.26
Membership Dues		Wire fees for FEIF pmts.	40.00
2010 Membership dues		Total FEIF related expenses	6,139.28
2010 Family Membership	3,128.05	Administration	
2010 Individual Membership	6,830.55	Mbshp. Postage	57.20
2010 Youth memberships	68.37	Special Awards Exp.	69.89
2010 Membership dues - Other	260.34	Total Administration	127.09
Total 2010 Membership dues	10,287.31	Quarterly Expenses	
International fees	0.00	Graphics	2,000.00
Total Membership Dues	10,287.31	postage for Quarterly	566.75
Quarterly Inc.		Quarterly Printing	1,457.52
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	1,164.80	Total Quarterly Expenses	4,024.27
Total Quarterly Inc.	1,164.80	Total Membership Related Expenses	12,946.91
Total Membership Related Income	16,821.31		
Pleasure Rider Program Inc.		Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	
2010 PRP Mbshp. Inc.	570.97	09 PRP Award expense	737.56
Total Pleasure Rider Program Inc.	570.97	Total Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	737.56
		Promotional Exp.	
		Display booth shipping	81.70
		Equine Affair Exp.	891.00
		Other Promotional expenses	385.63
		RC Co-op promo exp.	120.00
		Total Promotional Exp.	1,478.33

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January through May 2010

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<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Registry Income			
Duplicate Registration fees	144.75	Registry Acct. Expense	
Late Stallion Report fees	1,280.80	Clerical for registry	1,296.00
Registration fees	2,584.23	Registry Postage	<u>69.95</u>
Transfer fees	<u>872.72</u>	Total Registry Acct. Expense	<u>1,365.95</u>
Total Registry Income	<u>4,882.50</u>		
USIHC Non-Member fees	224.28		
USIHC Non-registration fees	<u>150.00</u>		
Total Income	<u>23,166.72</u>	Total Expense	<u>17,891.33</u>
		<u>Total Income:</u>	<u>5,275.39</u>

USIHC
Income & Expense Report
May 2010

Income		Expense	
Interest Income	35.90		
Membership Related Income		Membership Related Expenses	
Farm Listing			
2010 Farm Listing	110.00		
Total Farm Listing	110.00		
Membership Dues			
2010 Membership dues			
2010 Family Membership	130.00		
2010 Individual Membership	395.34		
2010 Membership dues - Other	260.34		
Total 2010 Membership dues	785.68		
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Quarterly Inc.		Quarterly Expenses	
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	384.80	Quarterly Printing	226.00
Total Quarterly Inc.	384.80	Total Quarterly Expenses	226.00
Total Membership Related Income	1,280.48	Total Membership Related Expenses	226.00
 Pleasure Rider Program Inc.			
2010 PRP Mbshp. Inc.	28.83		
Total Pleasure Rider Program Inc.	28.83		
 Registry Income			
Duplicate Registration fees	96.50		
Late Stallion Report fees	493.60		
Registration fees	429.41	Registry Acct. Expense	
Transfer fees	191.30	Clerical for registry	287.00
Total Registry Income	1,210.81	Total Registry Acct. Expense	287.00
 USIHC Non-Member fees	74.28		
USIHC Non-registration fees	150.00		
Total Income	2,780.30	Total Expense	513.00
 Net Income:	2,267.30		



United States Icelandic Horse Congress Notice of Election

In accordance with Section 2 of Article IV (Voting and Elections) of the Constitution of the United States Icelandic Horse Congress (USIHC), the President has appointed the following Congress members to administer the 2010 election of Board of Director members of the USIHC:

Pat Moore, Chairperson
Suzi McGraw
Sandy Newkirk
Rich Moore
Jim Henry
Maureen Henry

In further accordance with Section 2 of the Constitution the election committee shall:

- Accept nominations until October 1, 2010.
- Prepare and mail ballots to all voting members by October 15, 2010.
- Accept voted ballots until December 1, 2010.
- Provide the tabulated results to the President no later than December 15, 2010.

The upcoming election shall select three directors, who will serve for terms of three years. Incumbent directors Katrin Sheehan, Kathy Lockerbie and Doug Smith are deemed nominated unless they decline to run.

In accordance with Section 3 of Article VII (Board of Directors) nominations for the position of director shall be in writing. The nominee, the nominator, and two seconders, all of whom must be voting members of the USIHC, shall sign nominations. The nominator and seconders shall not be of the immediate family of the nominee. Nominations should include the email address and telephone number of the nominee. Nominations must be received by October 1, 2010. They should be mailed to:

USIHC Election Committee
Pat Moore, Chair
3481 Sanders Lane
Catharpin, VA 20143

All candidates are requested to email the election committee at election@icelandics.org with statements of one or two paragraphs giving their backgrounds in relation to the Icelandic Horse and reasons why they should be elected. Statements may also be mailed to the above address. The candidate's statements will be disseminated with the ballots. Any questions regarding the election process should be addressed to the Chairperson by email (election@icelandics.org) or telephone (703-754-0883).

From: nickbranch@aol.com
Sent: Fri, Jun 18, 2010 6:04 am
Subject: Icelandic Horse Sanctuary

Hello,

I recently came across your organization while searching for icelandic horse resources and organizations in the United States. I am currently managing the Icelandic Horse Rehoming Project, a joint project in Solvang, California, to help assist a breeder with placing 50 icelandic horses into loving homes as they can no longer take care of them. <http://icelandicrehomingproject.blogspot.com>

I see there is promotion and breeding of icelandic horses and clubs in the United States, but I was wondering if you knew of any sanctuaries for them where they can live out their retirement years in pasture? If there are no icelandic horse sanctuaries here, would you be interested in helping create one? While working on this project there are a few horses that are either older or have a lameness issue and therefore hard to place in adoptable homes. A US Icelandic Horse Sanctuary would be a wonderful idea to be able to place these horses in a natural pasture environment while at the same time being able to bring in the public to educate and promote the breed.

We have sanctuaries for mustangs and for domesticated horses here in the United States. I think an Icelandic Horse Sanctuary, publicly funded and supported as a nonprofit organization for the retirement of icelandic horses and the education of the public would be a great asset to icelandic horse breeders across the country and for the organizations that promote icelandic horses such as yours. A nonprofit sanctuary would not be difficult to run and I am sure you would have support from the wonderful icelandic community in the US.

Please let me know your thoughts and opinions on this issue and feel free to share it with other icelandic organizations or clubs that would be interested in discussion of creating an Icelandic Horse Sanctuary.

Thank you so much,

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