

USIHC – 2017 Annual Meeting 01/14/17 MINUTES

Board Members

Present: Doug Smith, Will Covert, Kari Pietsch-Wangard, Lori Cretney, Alexandra Dannenmann, Jess Haynsworth, Leslie Chambers

Excused: Linda Templeton, Andrea Barber

Members Nancy Marie Brown, Susan Rospotynski, Frances Rospotynski, Steven Cole, Juli Cole, Rich Moore, Patricia A Moore, Jeannene Heinrich, Ásta Covert, Margie Kelly, Jane Wasson, Jamie Jackson, Virginia Lauridsen, Ruth Moody, Ron Hoover, Sherry Hoover

Meeting called to order at 8:30am EST (Doug Smith)

The Board Members and Committee Chairs or a representative presented the Officer and Committee reports as published on the USIHC website in the “Board Minutes” section.

There was a good discussion regarding the plans for the next steps of the Riding Badge materials and the need to increase the educational resources for new horse owners around the country. The Board and Education Committee in particular committed to making this work a priority for 2017.

The assembly voted on the proposed amendment to the constitution to facilitate the electronic voting for the Congress Board of Directors. The proposed amendment (below) passed unanimously.

Section 2: The President of the USIHC shall appoint the members of an election committee no later than June 15th. The committee shall have no less than three members and no more than seven, all of whom shall be members in good standing with the USIHC. Members of the Board of Directors and candidates for election, as well as members of their immediate family, may not serve on the election committee. The election committee shall

- (a) Select its own chairperson.
- (b) Notify the membership of elections by September 1st.
- (c) Accept nominations until October 1st.
- (d) Oversee the preparation of an anonymous, electronic ballot to be delivered to the membership by October 15th.
- (e) Oversee the electronic collection of responses and tabulation of votes cast until December 1st.
- (d) Provide ballots to all members by October 15th.
- (e) Accept voted ballots until December 1st.

(f)Count ballots with a majority of the election committee present at a location of their choosing.

(g)Announce election results by December 15th.

New Directors shall take office on January 1st, following the election. Officers of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the Board of Directors at their first meeting in January.

The board met privately following the members' meeting.