



# USIHC Board Conference Call Minutes

## December 7, 2021

---

**Present:** Virginia Lauridsen, Leslie Chambers, Emily Potts, Lucy Nold, Janet Mulder, Lori Cretney, Jeff Rose, Will Covert, Martin Nielsen.  
**Absent:** None.  
**Auditing:** None.

Will Covert called the meeting to order at 8:02pm EST.

### 1. SECRETARY'S REPORT (MARTIN NIELSEN)

As of December 4, 2021, the USIHC has 788 Members in 604 Households.

### 2. TREASURER'S REPORT (LORI CRETNEY)

Reports are attached for September. The monthly financial statements include a detailed breakdown of the cash owned by the Congress. The key figures from the October breakdown are:

Combined bank account balances as of 11/30/21:	\$149,471.31.
Unrestricted membership funds as of 11/30/21:	\$131,687.14.
Net Change from 10/31/21:	\$4,618.30

### 3. AFFILIATED CLUB COMMITTEE REPORT (LESLIE CHAMBERS)

See attached report.

### 4. BREEDING COMMITTEE REPORT (VIRGINIA LAURIDSEN)

Virginia Lauridsen and Emily Potts are working on a prototype for the Online Stallion Profile. See more under item 12 a.

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

A study guide for applicants for the trainer education is underway. A sport judging seminar is being planned in Colorado for 2022. More details will follow.

### 6. LEISURE COMMITTEE REPORT (JANET MULDER)

An electronic S2SS poster to be used for advertising purposes is included in the appendices. S2SS ride mileage accomplishments for end of November are attached as well.

### 7. PROMOTIONS AND WEBSITE REPORT (EMILY POTTS)

See attached report.

### 8. QUARTERLY COMMITTEE REPORT (NANCY BROWN)

See attached report.

### 9. SPORT COMMITTEE REPORT (MARTIN NIELSEN)

See attached minutes from the most recent sport committee meeting. The events calendar will be initiated as a shared Google calendar and all organizers will be invited to pencil in their planned events for the 2022 season.

### 10. YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT (LUCY NOLD)

The dates for the FEIF Youth Cup Tryouts/ USIHC Virtual Youth Championship have been chosen. Registration will be due February 16th with videos due by February 23rd. Will Covert has agreed to be judge and we will get the videos to him by March 1st for result/team announcements around March 15th. We will offer six classes, T1, T2, V1, F1, V6 and T8. The kids trying out will need to follow the tryout procedures by riding a T1 or T2 program and a V1 or F1 program as well as filling out an application and returning it to me via email or mail..

## **11. Old Business**

### **a. Youth Championship approval of forms and costs for event**

Leslie Chambers had worked out a budget for the show, and Janet Mulder had prepared and edited the application forms. These are all attached. The board agreed that all profits will go into the Youth Fund. Jeff Rose made the motion to approve all forms, the budget and the allocation of funds for the show. Will Covert seconded the motion, and the board voted unanimously in favor.

### **b. Membership meeting further planning**

The board agreed to ask Virginia Lauridsen to prepare a presentation on how to prepare a horse for a breeding show. Virginia may invite Lucy Nold to contribute.

## **12. New Business**

### **a. Online Stallion Profile**

Emily Potts demonstrated a prototype of the stallion listing and the board discussed various minor tweaks. The board agreed that the listing should be available to stallions based in North America. Virginia Lauridsen made the motion to approve the following charges:

For people with a farm listing: First stallion is included, while any additional stallions are \$50 each/year.  
For people without a farm listing: The cost is \$110/stallion/year.

Janet Mulder seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously in favor.

### **b. Nomination for FEIF Trainer of the Year**

Janet Mulder had been nominated for FEIF Trainer of the Year. Will Covert made the motion for the board to approve this nomination. Leslie Chambers seconded the motion, and the board approved the nomination with one abstention and eight votes in favor.

### **c. ECVM article**

The board had a brief discussion about an article about Equine Complex Vertebral Malformation (ECVM) in Icelandic horses, which was published in the most recent issue of the Quarterly. Several members emphasized the high quality of the magazine and the great work done by the editors and the committee. The board agreed that bringing attention to new and possibly emerging conditions affecting Icelandic horses is valuable and should be encouraged. However, the condition ECVM is still being studied in research studies, very little is known about possible links to disease, and a genetic background is still under investigation. The board will discuss the situation with the Quarterly committee and decide on the best path forward.

## **13. Miscellaneous.**

Virginia Lauridsen is developing a new concept of riding feed-back sessions to be offered during breeding shows. The idea is to allow riders to show their horses to the breeding judges and then get feed-back on how to get the horse to move better. She will develop a draft outline for the next meeting.

Emily Potts made the motion to approve a Policy 21 appropriation for Toppur. Lori Cretney seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously in favor.

On November 30, 2021 Janet Mulder had made the request via email to allocate \$240 for renewal of the membership of Dressage All Breeds. She also requested \$240.40 for S2SS patches. The board voted unanimously in favor of both requests.

The next meeting will be the budget meeting and it will be held on January 18, 2022. The **deadline** for submitting budget requests to Lori Cretney is **January 14, 2022**.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04pm EST

- *Martin K Nielsen,*  
*secretary*