

**Attendees:**

1. Amy Goddard
2. Ebba Meehan
3. Emily Potts
4. Hilary Houldsworth
5. Leah Greenberger
6. Leslie Chambers
7. Nancy Rohlfs

**Absent:**

8. Ona Kwiatkowski

Emily Potts called the meeting to order at 8:08 pm EDT.

**1) BOD Titles and Roles**

The 2022–2024 NEIHC Board of Directors:

- Emily Potts: President
- Hilary Houldsworth: Vice President
- Nancy Rohlfs: Secretary/Clerk
- Leslie Chambers: Treasurer
- Ebba Meehan: Promotion, Education & Youth
- Leah Greenberger: Fundraising
- Ona Kwiatkowski: Promotion, Education & Youth
- Brynja Meehan: Board Youth Representative

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- Amy Goddard: Membership & Special Projects
- Kara Noble: Technical Support & Special Projects

The BOD voted to add Nancy Rohlfs to the Berkshire Bank Account and to change the club address to Nancy’s address.

Leslie will remain NEIHC – USIHC liaison.

## 2) NEIHC Open 2022

Should we drop the Gæðingakeppni classes? For now, these classes will stay on the schedule but may be removed at a later date if interest is low.

### Current Schedule:

- Dressage and Family Fun classes, Fri. June 17
- FEIF Prelim classes, Sat. June 18
- FEIF Finals, Sun. June 19

Leslie reported that we have ordered a block of 40 stalls; Thor may be able to accommodate a few extra horses, if necessary.

Leslie will talk to Frost White and Ellen Meagher re: providing lunches.

Sat. night BBQ: should we have a DJ or live music? After much discussion, it was decided that since Saturday may be a long, full day of classes, that perhaps we should skip live music.

Leah discussed difficulties in attaining donations for the Silent Auction. Suggestions were made to possibly skip the silent auction, allow members to sell used tack, and offer a live auction, raffles, and a 50/50 raffle. (This could be our “event” Sat. evening at the BBQ, instead of live music.)  
Reminder: also encourage people to sponsor classes.

Kara Noble has provided us with a new mixer for sound system.

=> We need to determine how we will power the equipment and devices at the judge’s stand.

## 3) NEIHC Open 2023

Beginning next year, Thor Icelandics will no longer host the NEIHC Open. However, we are welcome to hold clinics and other small events there.

Fairgrounds were discussed: Topsfield may be too pricey; Northampton may work; the Big E (Equine Affaire venue) may not have dates available and may also be too pricey.  
No word back from Cobleskill as of yet – Amy will follow up.

Future show dates were discussed: perhaps move the show into July?  
Should we even continue to host a National Ranking show? What do the members want?

## 4) Website

Amy will provide Hilary with access to GoDaddy so that she can take a look and make suggestions for updates and/or redesign.

Em will provide Hilary with her test prototype.

## 5) NEIHC Events Calendar

Ebba has agreed to manage the Events calendar going forward. Amy and Ebba will have a training session via Zoom in the next couple weeks.

It was determined that we will add events that we know of to the calendar, even if we do not have details about the event – as long as there is a person to be contacted for additional information.

## 6) Annual Meeting/Thorrablót

It was determined that we will continue to hold the annual meeting via Zoom going forward, even if we have a live meeting and Thorrablót.

Members are welcome to continue the Thorrablót tradition at separate locations, but we would like to eventually get back into the habit of holding an annual meeting and party in person.

The first Saturday of March is the standing date, but is flexible if bad weather will be an issue.

=> Who will organize this going forward?

## 7) BOD Nominations/Elections

Nancy and Hilary volunteered to run nominations/elections going forward.

A suggestion was made to stagger BOD terms, as the USIHC does, whereby 3 BOD members are elected annually and serve for 3 years; but this may be difficult as we have a 7-person board.

It was decided to leave the term as is for now, and discuss at a future meeting and/or via email.

## 8) Membership

As we allow PayPal auto payments, dues can be paid anytime throughout the year.

See Policies & Procedures:

9. Annual Dues must be paid between January 1 and March 31.

10. Annual memberships run from April 1 through March 31.

Amy will edit the P & P document and send to BOD members for review.

## 9) Misc.

There was much discussion re: future shows and events, as interest in National Ranking competition seems to have waned. It was decided that we would send out a survey to members to define what club events they are interested in.

=> Question: should we send out a survey prior to the June show? Or after?

Hilary reported on *Community Horse* magazine, which covers everything equestrian in CT, MA, and RI. The "Partners Program" allows horse clubs and organizations to post news, events and photos. The magazine is published 2x/year (Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter), and participation in the Partners Program is free!

It was suggested that Jennifer Bergantino provide the NEIHC content to the magazine, as she is already doing this for the USIHC Quarterly.  
Hilary will contact Jennifer.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:04 pm EDT.