

1. President's Welcome (Emily)

- Emily Potts, President
- Brigit Huwyler, Vice-President
- Leslie Chambers, Treasurer
- Nikkisue Flanigan, Secretary (thank you, Cindy Wescott)
- Jessica Haynsworth, Youth, Reports & Social Media
- Ebba Meehan, Promotion & Education
- Leah Greenberger, Fundraising
- Isabelle Maranda, BOD Youth Representative
- Amy Goddard, Membership & Special Projects

=> *The meeting began at approx. 4:15 pm; Em Potts welcomed everyone to our 14th Annual Meeting and Thorrablot.*
 => *Thank you, Jess and Nikkisue, for participating via Facetime!*

2. Meet the Members (All)

Members introduce themselves, location, and what they do with, or enjoy most about the Icelandic horse.

=> *All members (17) introduced themselves, including our newest member, Inez Valk.*
 => *Leah mentioned that she first saw Icelandics at Equine Affaire 1999!*
 => *Clara Weiszflug, guest of Martina Gates, visiting from Germany for past 6 months.*
 => *Martina and Heleen have been to 13 out of 14 Thorrablots – they missed last year at Ebba's.*

3. Treasurer's Report (Leslie)

NEIHC Financial Facts for April 1, 2018 through March 2, 2019					
Total Funds to Date (2/7/19) =	\$16,087.28				
NEIHC Open/Pre show clinic 2019/Judge Seminar	Deposit	Balance Due			
Stalls (30%)	\$2610.00	\$6090.00			
Ritz/Portapotties	\$128.90	\$1,160.10			
Tent	\$245.00	\$248.00			
Judges' Airline Tickets	\$ 560.00	\$400.00			
Conf Room Deposit (Hotel Coolidge, White River Jnct, VT)	\$95.00	\$587.00			
Totals:	\$3418.90	\$8485.10			
Youth Funds (began 2015)					
	Raised	Distributed	Balance		
Balance (January 1, 2017)			\$804.88		
2017 funds raised (water sales at NEIHC Open 2017)	\$105.12		\$910.00		
America Youth Cup Camp		\$750.00	\$160.00		
Youth Classes NEIHC 2017 Open		\$160.00	\$0.00		
2018: Breed Eval surplus donation (\$458.43) NEIHC donation (\$541.57)	\$1000				
2019: America Youth Cup Camp (Red Feather WA)		\$1000	\$0.00		
Event	Dates	Income	Expense	USIHC funds	Net
Pre Show Clinic with Carrie Lyons Brandt	Jun 20-22, 2018	\$4,200.00	\$3,750.00		\$450.00
NEIHC Open 2018/Dressage Schooling Show	Jun 23-24, 2018	\$17,527.00	\$16,673.85	\$250.00	\$1103.15
Equine Affaire with Horses of Iceland	Nov 8-11, 2018	\$501.60	\$1415.00	\$150.00	-\$763.40
USIHC Annual Meeting Hosts (Speaker Stipends)	Jan 19, 2019		\$300.00		-\$300.00
Net for 2018/19 Events (gain)					\$489.75

- Filed tax report (April 2018).
 - Filed with State of MA (Sept 2018).
 - We have a \$0 balance in our Youth Funds, but just donated \$1000 to the 2019 America's Youth Cup.
- => *Amy read the above and asked members to withhold finance questions until Leslie arrived.*

4. Youth, Reports & Social Media (Jess)

Report on youth activities, USIHC Quarterly reports, NEIHC presence on social media, etc.

- => *Jess requested that members please send her seasonal images for her Quarterly magazine reports.*
- => *Martina asked why the N. American Youth Cup was moved from VT to WA; Jess and Amy explained that it was determined that the event would have been too much of a time commitment and would have made too great of an impact to the VT Icelandic Horse Farm's business at its busiest time of year.*
- => *Jess reported that Sigrun's VT shows were a great venue for youth riders – smaller shows with many youth classes and good turnout of youth riders.*
- => *Jess runs/owns Mad River Valley Icelandics in Warren, VT, where she has several boarders, horses in training and students, most of whom are youth riders*

5. Promotion & Education (Brigit, for Ebba)

- Clinics: Guðmar Pétursson and Knapamerki 1 & 2
- Beach rides and hunter paces
- NEIHC Open: 8 students/riders competed
- Summer Kids Camp
- Trek with Hestaland, Iceland
- Fall FIRC show: 4 students/riders competed

=> *Brigit reported for Ebba, who was in Iceland.*

=> *Ebba has an Icelandic horse facility in Boxford, MA, where she has a committed group of boarders and riding students*

6. Fundraising (Leah)

NEIHC Open: There were 25 class sponsors, who donated \$2207; the Silent Auction raised \$2372.

Sponsors and silent auction have been vital to the financial success of every one of our sanctioned shows.

=> *Leah reported on the above, and stated that she would like to do an online auction in the spring.*

=> *Martina mentioned that the GoFundMe for last year's Breeding Eval raised donations from all over the world; the extra \$500 that was raised was then donated to the upcoming N. American Youth Cup.*

7. Membership (Amy)

Adults: 146; Youth: 26

Total: 172; USIHC Members: 107 (62%)

Dues can be paid any time throughout the calendar year.

The NEIHC thanks you for your support and urges you to also support the USIHC with your membership so you can enjoy The Icelandic Horse quarterly magazine and access to World Fengur, the international breed database.

=> *Amy reported on the above, and stressed the importance/benefits of membership in the USIHC.*

8. 2018 Events Recap

- June: NEIHC Open Sanctioned Show/Dressage Schooling Show (Leslie/Leah)

=> *Judges: Will Covert and Alex Dannenmann.*

=> *40 riders; 42 horses; 126 horse/rider/class combinations; 29 classes; about 20 volunteers.*

=> *Dressage Schooling Show: Judges: Jana Meyer and Alex Pregitzer; 14 tests ridden.*

- July: Knapamerki Clinic (Leslie/Amy)

=> Caeli Cavanagh and Carrie Brandt conducted a well-attended clinic at Thor Icelandics.
=> Several participants passed Levels 1 & 2; Caeli and Carrie can teach/test up through Level 3.
=> Jess explained the differences between the Knapamerki system and the Riding Badge program.

- Sept: FEIF Breeding Show (Martina)

=> Martina reported on the successful breeding evaluations, held at Cobleskill, NY fairgrounds last Sept.
=> Consider evaluating a gelding, which contributes to his sire and dam's BLUP scores.
=> Martina encouraged riders to show their horses for unofficial scores and valuable feedback and comments from judges; she stressed the most important factor is that the horse is fit and has the stamina for the event.
=> Martina explained the differences between Sport and Breeding competitions.

- Oct: KY and VA Shows (Jess & Brigit)

=> Jess described and defined "world ranking" shows – 3 separate shows, 5 judges.
=> Brigit reported on the FIRC Middleburg, VA show at Montaire – gorgeous facility and fantastic event.

- Nov: Equine Affaire (Emily)

=> Em reported on EA and her wonderful team: Leah, Margot, and all other volunteers; the NEIHC shared booth with "Horses of Iceland" which has developed into a great partnership.

- Dec: Eastern Regional Icelandic Horse Championships (Leslie)

=> Leslie explained how the ERIHC works – short explanation below:
=> The goal of the ERIHC is to recognize both ability (high-placing scores) and commitment (attending 3 or more shows).
=> In 2018, 7 shows were held "east of the Rockies."
=> Scoring and Awards:
=> No one needs to sign up, we will just tally the results of the seven shows.
=> Scores follow the rider, with the exception of the Green Horse division -- scores follow the horse. (Please note that once a horse scores 5 or above 3 times in ANY FEIF class, the horse is no longer eligible for Green Horse classes).
=> Scores from 3 shows will be used in calculations (Show 1 + Show 2 + Show 3 = score). If someone rides in only 1 show, they receive 0 for Show 2 and Show 3 scores. If someone rides in 2 shows they receive a 0 for Show 3 score. If someone rides in the World Ranking Event, his or her highest score will be used. If someone rides in more than 3 shows we will tally their top 3 scores.
=> Fun classes will be scored as described above, with the rider receiving 10 pts for 1st place, 9 for 2nd, 8 for 3rd and so on.
=> Awards will be printed certificates.

=> Jess also mentioned that she, and several other NEIHC members, attended the Solheimar July sanctioned show.

9. 2019 Upcoming Events & Activities (BOD)

1. NEIHC Pre-Show Clinic (Leslie)

- Wed. June 19–Fri. June 21, Thor Icelandics, Claverack, NY

=> Leslie reported that the clinicians will be Taktur Icelandics: Terral Hill and Carrie Lyons-Brandt.

2. NEIHC Open Sanctioned Show/Dressage Schooling Show (Leslie)

- Fri. June 21–Sun. June 23, Thor Icelandics, Claverack, NY

=> Leslie reported that we will have three judges this year! And one of the judges is a respected Gæðingakeppni judge!
=> New classes to be added: Tolt Equitation and 4-Gait Equitation: will be listed as fun classes and not open to professionals.
=> Gæðingakeppni classes: will be listed as fun/experimental classes and open to all riders -- there will be levels.
=> Dressage Schooling Show will be Friday; Judges: Jana Meyer and Alex Pregitzer.

3. North American Youth Cup (Jess)

- Sun. Jul. 14–Sun. Jul. 21, Red Feather Icelandics, Trout Lake, WA

=> Jess reported that she hopes several NEIHC Youth Members will be in attendance; reg. forms due March 15.
=> Changed from "American" to "North American," to include Canadian youth riders.

4. FEIF Breeding Evaluation & Young Horse Assessment (Martina)

- Sun. Sep. 1–Mon. Sep. 2, Cobleskill Fairgrounds, Cobleskill, NY

=> Martina reported that Sigrun is organizing this year's event.
=> All riders welcome to participate for un-official scores, comments and coaching!

5. Knapamerki Levels 1 & 2 Clinic & Testing (Martina)

- Tue. Sep. 3–Thu. Sep. 5, West Wind Farm, Delhi, NY

=> *As required, there will be one clinician and a different, certified judge for testing.*

=> *This clinic is full; contact Martina if you wish to be placed on the waiting list.*

6. USIHC Sport Judging Seminar (Leslie)

- Thu. Sep. 12–Sun. Sep. 15, Hotel Coolidge, White River Jct, VT / Echo Ledge Farm, Woodstock, VT

=> *Leslie encouraged anyone and everyone interested in the gaits of the Icelandic horse, in watching, or riding in any Icelandic sport competition – whether you are ever interested in becoming a judge or not -- to consider attending this outstanding seminar.*

7. Equine Affaire (Emily)

- Thu. Nov. 7–Sun. Nov. 10, East Springfield, MA

=> *We always need volunteers! Contact Em to help!*

8. Drill Team Day (Leslie/Leah)

=> *Leslie proposed: Drill Team/Pairs Day -- possibly held at Leah's this fall. "I would like to ask Jana to share her drill team pattern that she would use for the Equine Affaire with all NEIHC members, then encourage members to partner up with folks they can easily ride with to practice throughout the year. Then have the Drill Team/Pairs Day (which would be very similar to Games Day in spirit). We could make it a potluck lunch and decide on what type (if any) prizes should be given.*

=> *We could also have Fun Classes -- such as Ribbon Tolt and Pairs?*

10. **Open Floor (All)**

- Announcements from members; what other events are club members planning, or would like to see?

- Add your events to the NEIHC Events Calendar!

- Oct. shows: KY (World Ranking) and VA (FIRC) -- who would like to transport horses together?

- Thorrablot 2020? SpringBlot?

=> *There were mixed feelings about moving Thorrablot to the spring, as previously discussed by the BOD, for either last Sat in April or first Sat in May.*