

**1. President's Welcome (Emily)**

- Emily Potts, President
- Brigit Huwyler, Vice-President
- Leslie Chambers, Treasurer
- Nikkisue Flanigan, Secretary
- Ebba Meehan, Promotion & Education
- Leah Greenberger, Fundraising
- Rebecca Daddona, Youth Coordinator
- Amy Goddard, Membership & Special Projects
- Keziah Dunn, BOD Youth Representative

**2. Meet the Members (All)**

Members introduce themselves, their location, and how long they've been involved with Icelandic horses.  
**33 members participated in the meeting!**

**3. Treasurer's Report (Leslie)**

**See attached.**

**4. Promotion & Education (Ebba)**

**See "Promo & Educ" pdf.**

**5. Fundraising (Leah)**

**Nothing to report for 2020, due to COVID. We look forward to our silent auction in 2022!**

**6. Youth (Rebecca)**

**Nothing to report for 2020, due to COVID. We look forward to youth events in 2022! Jane Gately has offered to help.**

**7. Membership (Amy)**

- Adults: 144; Youth: 29
- Total: 173
- USIHC Members: 121 (70%)

**8. Quarterly Reports (Jennifer)**

**Jennifer would like to thank Phebe Kiryk for her editing help on the reports, as well as all the NEIHC members who contributed content and photos.**

**Jennifer also highlighted new members who joined the club this past year, and the many new horse owners!**

**Although COVID changed our lives, luckily many of us were able to still enjoy our horses, practicing drill team, mounted games, jumping, beer tolts and many opportunities for online virtual training.**

**See "Year in Review" pdf.**

**9. USIHC Virtual Shows (Brigit)**

18 NEIHC members enjoyed competing in two USIHC virtual shows this past year: 9 adults and 9 youth riders.

The USIHC will offer at least two virtual shows in 2021.

Brigit also mentioned the “Sea 2 Shining Sea” USIHC pleasure riding program, which is a yearlong virtual ride on Icelandic horses. This 5,000 mile ‘ride’ uses 20 checkpoints in 4 regions of the US starting January 1, 2021 ending December 31, 2021. Each checkpoint will count for 250 miles or 62.5 hours of riding.

The NEIHC currently has three teams competing in the ride.

**10. USIHC Riding Badge Program (Jana)**

Jana presented an overview of the program, which was founded in 2005 by Bernie Willis, Alex Pregitzer and others, based on the German riding system.

There are a total of 7 badges: two focus on general horsemanship, 2 focus on pleasure, and 3 focus on competition riding.

Instruction can be given by any instructor familiar and comfortable with the concepts, but the examiner must be a certified Icelandic horse trainer or judge.

In 2020, 13 Level 1 clinics were taught, and 4 Level 2 clinics were taught.

**11. 2020 NEIHC Events Recap (hosted or supported by the NEIHC)**

See attached.

**12. 2020 Member Events Recap (independently hosted or supported by NEIHC members)**

See attached.

**13. 2021 Upcoming Events & Activities (BOD)**

- Equine Affaire (Emily)  
- Thu. Nov. 11–Sun. Nov. 14, East Springfield, MA

**[Check the NEIHC EVENTS Calendar for updates!](#)**

Sunday, March 14

Dressage Intro Level USEF Test Prep with Erika Tighe, Merrimack Valley Icelandics, Boxford, MA

Sunday, March 28

Dressage Basics for Icelandics with Steph Andreottola Brightman, Merrimack Valley Icelandics, Boxford, MA

Sat April 17 and Sun April 18

Spring Clinic with Jana & Ebba, Moonlit Farm, Belchertown, MA

**14. Guest Speaker Presentation, Þórdís Anna Gylfadóttir**  
**“Knapamerki: Learning Through the Levels”**

*Þórdís Anna Gylfadóttir is a project manager for Hólar University/Knapamerki Riding Levels and works in special projects for Horses of Iceland. Educated as a trainer and riding teacher C from Hólar University, she also has a Diploma in Event Management from Hólar University and a Masters in Project Management from the University of Reykjavik. She has previously worked for Eidfaxi magazine, the Icelandic Equestrian association, Landsmót hestamanna 2011, 2016 and 2018 and as a riding teacher at Hólar University from 2011-2014. Þórdís has a passion for teaching and working with young riders to develop their skills and further their education. She operates a small riding school and breeds horses from Hofsstadir, Garðabær.*

Holar University developed Knapamerki (Icelandic Riding Levels) to build up and develop both the theoretical and practical knowledge of Icelandic horse riders. The program supports the growing interest in Icelandic horse riding by increasing access to organized, systematic and detailed teaching based upon classical principles.

**15. Open Floor / Questions (All)**

*Due to COVID travel restrictions, we will be unable to host our annual sport show in June.  
However: we may be able to host a clinic and schooling show. We will post all updates to the club as we have more info!*