

**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

*Nikkisue participated via Facetime; Becky Daddona was absent as she was in Iceland.*

*20 members were nominated to the new BOD, 13 declined. The 7 current BOD members agreed to continue serving for the new 2-year term: April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020.*

*Please welcome Keziah Dunn as our new NEIHC BOD Youth Rep.*

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

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

*23 members registered for Thorrablot, but only 14 attended, due to concerns over Corona Virus.*

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

**NEIHC Financial Facts for April 1, 2019 through February 18, 2020**

<b>Total Funds to Date (2/18/2020) =</b>	<b>\$17,360.94</b>
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<b>NEIHC Open/Pre show clinic 2020</b>	<b>Deposit</b>	<b>Balance Due</b>
Stalls (30%) on 48 stalls (\$165/stall)	\$2376.00	\$5544.00
Ritz/Portapotties (Total will be \$975)	\$128.90	\$846.10
Tent (Total will be \$493)	\$123.25	\$369.75
Judges Airline Tickets (Thorgeir is paid for, Alex P and Siggj are pending)	\$ 500.00	Est. \$1000.00
Awards (NEIHC Open, Fun Show and Future Events)	\$1635.27	\$0.00
New Sound System		Est. \$500.00
<b>Totals:</b>		<b>\$8259.85</b>

<b>Operating Expenses - Estimated</b>			
Event Insurance	\$925.00		
D&O Insurance	\$820.00		
Website	\$350.00		
State and Federal Tax Filing	\$40.00		
Misc (Postage Etc)	\$50.00		
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$2185.00</b>		

Event	Dates	Income	Expense	USIHC funds	Net
Pre Show Clinic with Taktur Icelandics	June 19-21, 2019	\$1680.00	\$1500.00	\$250.00	\$430.00
NEIHC Open 2019/Dressage Schooling Show	June 21-23, 2019	\$17,610.00	\$16,200.24		\$1,409.76
Breed Evaluation - Cobleskill, NY (NEIHC Support)	Sept 2-3, 2019		\$500.00		-\$500.00
Sport Judge Seminar - WRJ, VT	Sept 12-15, 2019	\$4175.00	\$4412.00	\$237.00	\$0.00
Equine Affaire with Horses of Iceland	Nov 7-10, 2019	\$455.00	\$1055.00	\$150.00	-\$450.00
<b>Net for 2019/20 Events (gain)</b>					<b>\$889.76</b>

- Filed tax report (April 2019)
- Filed with State of MA (Sept 2019)
- We have a \$0 balance in our Youth Funds, but just donated \$1000 to the 2019 America's Youth Cup

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

- Merrimack Valley Icelandics, Boxford, MA; ongoing lesson program and clinics keep our horses busy
- Jan: Clinic with Svanhildur Hall, speaker from the USIHC meeting in Boston, 8 riders participated
- Feb: MVI forms an 8-horse drill team, whose goal is to perform at Topsfield Horse Expo in April and America's oldest fair in Oct; drill team rehearsals commence and continue, except for a break in the summer. The team is considering competing in drill team.
- Mar: Gæðinga dressage clinic with Laura Benson/Carrie Brandt, 12 riders attended
- Apr: MVI Breed demo at Topsfield Horse Expo 2019, (gait demo, lecture and drill)
- May: Full swing into show prep for 12 riders attending the NEIHC Open in June
- Jun: Attended NEIHC Open
- Jul: 10 riders head to Iceland for custom trek at Hestaland, (third year in a row)
- Sep: Attended FEIF Sport Judge Seminar with Þorgeir Guðlaugsson
- Oct: 8 riders/horses attended the FIRC show in VA; MVI drill team and breed demo at the Topsfield Fair for the very first time
- Nov: MVI drill team performs two breed demos at Equine Affaire; Knapamerki Combo Clinic with Guðmar and Carrie – Level 3 prep/testing and mixed lessons

#### 5. Fundraising (Leah)

- 2019 NEIHC Open class sponsorships: \$2100.00
- 2019 NEIHC Open silent auction income: \$2085.00

#### 6. Membership (Amy)

- Adults: 122; Youth: 34
- Total: 156
- USIHC Members: 103 (66%)
- NEIHC current membership is down from 2018: Adults: 146; Youth: 26, Total: 172
- NEIHC USIHC membership is up from 2018: 107 (62%)

*There was some discussion re: people having trouble finding us on the internet and Facebook. To help avoid confusion, we will consolidate the "Northeast Icelandics" page and the "NEIHC" group on Facebook.*

*Breeders and sellers should be encouraging new horse owners to join the NEIHC and the USIHC.*

## 7. 2019 NEIHC Events Recap (*hosted or supported by the NEIHC*)

- Jan: USIHC Annual Meeting, Boston, MA (Leslie)
- Mar: NEIHC Annual Meeting & Thorrablot, West Wind Farm, Delhi, NY (Amy)
- Jun: NEIHC Open Sanctioned Show/Dressage Schooling Show, Thor Icelandics, Claverack, NY (Leslie/Leah/Brigit)
- Sep: FEIF Breeding Show, Cobleskill Fairgrounds, Cobleskill, NY (Martina)
- Sep: USIHC Sport Judging Seminar, White River Junction, VT (Leslie)
- Nov: Equine Affaire, W. Springfield, MA (Emily)
- Jan '20: USIHC Annual Meeting (Leslie/Emily)

## 8. 2019 Member Events Recap (*independently hosted or supported by NEIHC members*)

- Mar: Breeding Seminar & Young Horse Linear Description, Lettleiki Icelandics, Shelbyville, KY (Maggie)
- Apr: Newbies Clinic, Lettleiki Icelandics, Shelbyville, KY (Maggie)
- May: Clinic with Jana Meyer, Moonlit Farm, Belchertown, MA (Leah)
- May: Spring Sanctioned Show, Lettleiki Icelandics, Shelbyville, KY (Maggie)
- Jun: Firmakeppni, Solheimar Farm, Tunbridge, VT (Sigrun/Emily)
- Jun: Herdis Reynisdottir teaching at Bel Di Farm, Washingtonville, NY (Shannon)
- Jun: Solheimar Schooling Show, Tunbridge, VT (Jana/Sigrun)
- Jun: Pre-show Clinic with Taktur Icelandics, Thor Icelandics, Claverack, NY (Leslie)
- Jul: Summer Camp for Kids, Merrimack Valley Icelandics, Boxford, MA (Ebba)
- Jul: Carrie Lyons-Brandt Clinic, Thor Icelandics, Claverack, NY (Leslie)
- Jul: Solheimar Open, Tunbridge, VT (Sigrun/Leslie)
- Aug: Summer Camp for Adults, Lettleiki Icelandics, Shelbyville, KY (Maggie)
- Sep: Knapamerki Clinic & Testing, Levels 1 & 2, West Wind Farm, Delhi, NY (Martina)
- Sep: Clinic with Alicia Flanigan of Fire & Ice Icelandic Horses, Pepper Hill Farm, South Thomaston, ME (Alicia/Nikkisue)
- Sep: Solheimar Fall Open, Tunbridge, VT (Sigrun/Emily)
- Oct: Triple World-Ranking Shows, Lettleiki Icelandics, Shelbyville, KY (Maggie)
- Oct: FIRC Show, Montaire Icelandics, Middleburg, VA (Leslie/Amy)
- Nov: Clinic with Alicia Flanigan of Fire & Ice Icelandic Horses, Pepper Hill Farm, South Thomaston, ME (Alicia/Nikkisue)

## 9. 2020 Upcoming Events & Activities (BOD)

1. Moonlit Farm Schooling Show (Amy)  
- Sat. May 30 or Sun. May 31, Moonlit Farm, Belchertown, MA
2. NEIHC Pre-Show Clinic (Leslie)  
- Wed. June 17–Fri. June 19, Thor Icelandics, Claverack, NY
3. NEIHC Open Sanctioned Show/Family Fun Show/Dressage Schooling Show (Leslie)  
- Fri. June 19–Sun. June 21, Thor Icelandics, Claverack, NY
4. Equine Affaire (Emily)  
- Thu. Nov. 12–Sun. Nov. 15, East Springfield, MA

*Amy will send out survey to determine interest in May schooling show.*

*Leah requested an additional stall at EA so that she could rotate horses between the booth stall and the barn stalls.*

## 10. Open Floor (All)

- Suggestions on how to increase member interest in running for a BOD position, or for volunteering to help with club business and events.
- Should we make Youth club memberships (under age 18) the same age max as Youth riders (under age 17)?
- Announcements from members; what other events are club members planning, or would like to see?
- REMINDER! Please add your events to the NEIHC Events Calendar!
- Oct. shows: KY (World Ranking) and VA (FIRC) -- who would like to transport horses together?
- Thorrablot 2021? Where?

*Dissolving the club was discussed, due to frustration over lack of member involvement in events and activities. For example: We need additional volunteers at the NEIHC Open, especially on Monday following the show, to clean stalls. Stall-cleaning fee may be increased.*

*Leslie and Em pointed out that two of our main events (The NEIHC Open and Equine Affaire) would be difficult to organize without the club entity.*

*Ebba suggested that we form committees in order to get more members involved with club business and duties; delegating some of the work may help prepare committee members for a future position on the BOD.*

*Changing the NEIHC Adult membership age to 17 was discussed, and it was decided to leave it as is, so that the NEIHC would be in alignment with the USIHC Adult membership age.*

*Susan Rovinski and Bruce Card suggested that we try to have more social events, where members could mingle and meet other members. One idea was to plan an "NEIHC Meet & Greet" during Equine Affaire. We should also promote the Saturday night BBQ dinner during the NEIHC Open as a great time to socialize with other members – whether you are there to ride in the show or not.*

*Jess Haynsworth's "Mad River Valley Icelandic Horses 2019 Year in Review" video was displayed on Amy's laptop for guests to watch on their own after the meeting adjourned.*