

The Icelandic Horse Society of Great Britain Ltd

Annual General Meeting

4th November 2006 1:00pm

DRAFT Minutes

1. Apologies [Secretary]

Apologies were received from: Fiona MacDonald, Alastair MacDonald, Nadene Butler, Phil Butler, James Joicey & Family, Louise Hall, Gill McManus, Martin Hind, Julie Babis, Leslie Dicks, Tricia Barber, Fiona Tyson, Graeme Tyson, Ann Savage, John Freeman, Mic Rushen, Mike, Adams.

The Minute checkers appointed are.

2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2005 [Chairman]

In a vote the meeting was unanimous that the 2005 minutes were a true and accurate account of the 2005 AGM meeting. Jeremy proposed the acceptance and Melville seconded. 2 Abstentions.

3. There were no matters arising from the 2005 AGM minutes.

Mike Edwards – at the meeting was a discussion about the horse list, Mike was delegated to publish the horse list. Mike reported that he could find no reason for not publishing it. This is still outstanding and he aims to publish one in the February 2007 newsletter.

Jockey club rules for vaccinations was discussed. This is not yet published in the constitution and IP aims to publish this by the end of the year, along with the child protection rules.

The meeting was informed that re: the funds from Shetland Catch sponsorship. The surplus was assigned as reserved funds for sport use.

4. The trustees reports were distributed to confirmed meeting attendees prior to the meeting. Ian Pugh asked for questions on the trustee's reports and financial statement. In addition to the circulated reports Janet distributed a subsequent report. The financial statement was also available to the meeting. Questions were taken on the reports.

Breeding Leader and studbook report. Janice Hutchinson asked who the judges for the Breeding Assessment are. Sven Ragnarsson is one. We do not yet know who the other is. There was a question also about having a scale of charges on assessing horses e.g. for stallions and geldings. Janice asked that could this be considered. As regards the question: what is the training syllabus for breeding judges?, Janice suggested this required discussion nationally. . Mike Edwards explained to the meeting that this is an international problem. In FIZO there are only international judges, there is no role for National judges. Mike has asked Jon Siiger Hansson to look at the training programme for becoming an international judge. It was explained that there is some work that can be done alongside approved long distance training courses. For practical training Mike referred the meeting to the international breeding group. **Action on the Breeding Leader: to ensure that there is a national discussion and that the members are kept informed. Trustees to discuss what can be done to improve the training of breeding judges.**

The breeding show is 9/10th June 2007.

Questions on the Sport Report were taken by Fi Pugh – Janice Hutchinson asked if we have a date and venue for the BC show. This will take place on 22-24th June at West Tarf, Edinburgh. There was a request for the BC's to run over 3 days, with the FIPO qualifiers on the Fri, other qualifiers on Sat, T1 and T2 finals on Sat and remainder of qualifiers on Sun.

Tim Hutchinson and the meeting thanked Moira for a high standard newsletter and the meeting congratulated Gundula Sharman on the HestFest. Fi Pugh congratulated the young riders on their standard. Melville SURNAME congratulated Julia Reeves on the sponsorship she managed to raise for Austria. Sharon Tomlinson congratulated Julia on the increase on numbers of youth and classes.

Education report Janice Hutchinson asked a question on getting the discipline of Icelandic Horse riding into the UK coaching scheme, as are other equestrian disciplines. Ian stated that at the FEIF conference in Feb 2007 (theme is Youth and Education), there will be a speaker on Child protection issues, from the Children First charity working for Child Protection Support Unit. In addition the British Equestrian Federation, will run the UK coaching certificate scheme as from Jan 1st 2007. . They (Douglas Bell) will be talking about equestrian coaching techniques. Ian and Gundula have been talking about an Icelandic Education Module into the BHS system with the aim to develop it as an FEI discipline. Gundula added that there have been moves within FEIF to acknowledge qualifications internationally (FEIF Matrix). She stated that each country can find their own ways to train trainers. Going through the BHS may be one of the easiest ways to establish training pathways.

There was a discussion about youth accessing horses too early and potentially causing insurance issues. Kiki Schwarz commented that she believed high insurance premiums for riding schools lead to high charges for lessons, and in turn this often means that youngsters own horses too early, thereby leading to bad horsemanship. Ian supports the British Horse industries representing the whole of the equine industry to the government and is attempting to get the government to support insurance premiums.

Budget: Janice asked how much money has been raised in the last 12 months and how much is in the budget for next year. £2257 were raised in donations and £1149 in fund raising. The target for next year is donations £1000 and fund raising £2000. **Action on Ian** to check the difference in the fund raising figures for next year. **Action on the secretary** to produce numbers for the membership. The Hutchinsons thanked Ian for his hard work.

Janice asked the trustees to contribute more to the newsletter. There was a suggestion that the editor may have more freedom if not a trustee. It was suggested reports need to be published more in advance and distributed to all the membership.

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator – IP explained that IHSGB need to be registered in OSCR – this is an addition to Ian’s report. Tim noted some drops in the financial statements from last year and asked for the report on time. It was noted that shop sales have dropped. Fiona and Graham Tyson have taken over the shop. The shop is now online. Mike E noted that the breeding figures difference may be due to two things, there was no breeding show in 2006 and in 2005 there was a lot of work done for the Irish association, generating £750.

Ian stated we do not have a Publicity and Promotions report. Ian reports that the website has been updated and released. Cathleen Baldwin reported there was not a lot about the AGM on the website. **Action for the Secretary** to look at placing AGM details on Website.

Ian reported that the stand at the Royal Show in 2006 was successful and the organisers wanted an Icelandic display. There is now a West Midlands display team. **Action on Janice H** to pass the display text to the West Midlands display team. Ian reports that FH (Breeders Association of Iceland) have a marketing booklet There is a stock in the UK at James Joiceys.

5. Trustee appointments

Ian reports to the meeting that IHSGB is now a limited company. A new constitution was drafted at that time. Trustees are appointed solely as trustees and are elected by a resolution of the meeting. Until now there has never been a contested post for a trustee. 1/3rd of the trustees are required to retire each year, JF, IP and MA retire this year. JF and IP are willing to be re-elected this year. Nominations were sought for P&P trustee. We have received two nominations from non-trustees, John Jessop and Harrier Fear Davis. There is no nomination for sport leader so Mike Adams is prepared to stand for re-election to the post. Janice Hutchinson asked how many meetings he had attended. The secretary believes it was 1 meeting and 1 teleconference.

The two nominations for P&P role and John J and HFD. Ian wanted John and Harriet to take on different roles and both become members of the team.

All 5 nominations were elected to the society. Melville Moss asked if the number of meetings trustees attend be published prior to the AGM. Action on IP to publish this in the trustees' published report.

The meeting voted on the co-option of Mic Rushen as Breeding Leader. It was unanimous.

6. IHSGB Budget presentation [Ian Pugh]

The draft budget 2006-2007 was given to the meeting. Mike Edwards suggested £2000 instead of £2500 for Registrations be a more realistic figure. Tim suggested a published guideline on what can be claimed from the society for events. It was suggested the newsletter budget be increased.

7. FEIF Conference [Ian Pugh]

The 2007 conference takes place in 16-18th Feb 2007 in Glasgow. Theme is Youth and Education. Chief riding instructor at Holar will also be present. Ian will publish the schedule to the membership for those who wish to attend.

8. Performance Awards [Gundula Sharman]

Gundula reported the PA ran 3 schemes published on the web site. Results Celia Carlyon Smith won this year. Sheila Lockhart with Valur came 2nd. Sheila had the Kate Robinson shield for highest recorded mileage last year. This year it goes to Celia. Gundula asked for another shield. Jackie Alexander was 3rd, Celia was 4th, Andrew Turton was 5th. Pat Douglas did 725 unverified miles. Jackie Alexander has done 156 unverified miles. All exact data can be obtained from Gundula.

9. Membership Subscriptions [Ian Pugh]

The last trustees meeting in September discussed putting to the AGM a proposal to increase membership fees to £12 for juniors & concessions, £32 for a single membership; £40 for a family, and £120 for organisation membership.

Action on Trustees to define all concessions for members. 24 for the proposal 2 abstentions.. From 1st January 2007.

10. World Fengur subscriptions [Mike Edwards]

Individuals can subscribe at £30 per annum. Now IHSGB members from 1st Jan 07 can access the database for free. Details will be in newsletter. Janice Hutchinson asked about the DNA recording on World Fengur. Mike reports that as proof of parentage is done, it will be recorded on World Fengur. The contracts are being worked out presently.

11. Registration Subscriptions [Mike Edwards]

The current registration fee and issuing a passport is £30. Imported horses is currently £20, Mike is suggesting this be reduced to £15. Transfer of ownerships is currently £5. Mike proposes increasing this to £7.50. The meeting suggested this simplified and be £10 for both imported and transfer of ownerships. Changes to be implemented from 1st Jan 2007.

12. "Show" Formats [Ian Pugh]

Ian proposes establishing a "show" format for the presentation of Icelandics at other horse events, using a defined format. A budget of £500 is to be set aside in 2007 for the "show" format. Ian gave the meeting a set of rules for an Icelandic Horse Showing class at ordinary horse shows. Janice Hutchinson suggested the rules are currently over complex. After some discussion it is suggested the current rules presented be discussed out of the meeting.

13. Society Database for Competition Results [Ruth Aitken] – Ruth asked the society to discuss the possibility of a database to record competition results. In addition she asked that the database accommodate the recording of the PAAS scheme and suggests that data in this case be recorded by rider to administer the PAAS awards. After discussion it was proposed the trustees discuss this further and make a proposal to the members. Mike Edwards informed the meeting that in the future sports results will go into World Fengur. In addition we may be able to use the National Equine Database.

14. AOB

Changes to the FIZO breeding rules – re: vet checks on horses. FEIF have agreed new rules on x-rays on stallions going to breeding shows looking for spavin. In addition, all horses must have a general vet check. Mike has drafted some rules and invited comment. After discussion the x-ray assessment by Iceland or Sweden was raised as a potential for the UK x-rays interpretation. There was a discussion on ensuring that people are encouraged to have their young stallions assessed. Age limit is x-raying at 5 years old. To keep vet check before the stallion is used was given at the meeting. If it fails the vet check the trustees will take an action to discuss this further. Alan Laing has donated a quaich called the Skipper Endeavour awarded to those motivated to compete. Suggestions as to how this might be awarded were asked from the meeting.

15. AGM 2007: Date 24th November 2007 & Venue in the South. The Meeting closed at 17:19pm

16. Cathleen Baldwin thanked the committee.

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Edited by Gundula 29/9/07