

**Icelandic Horse Society of Great Britain**  
**Minutes of Board Meeting**



<b>Date:</b> 16 February 2016		<b>Venue:</b> Skype	
<b>Attendees:</b> Dave Savage (DS) Chair, Mike Adams (MA), Jemimah Adams (JA), Freija Glansdorp (FG), Kirsty Carson (KC)			
<b>Apologies:</b> Debbie Ede (DE), Philippa Pringle, Ellen Brimble (EB), Kristina Christof (KC)			
	<b>Notes and Actions</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b> The minutes from previous meeting were accepted.		
<b>2.</b>	<b>FEIF Conference</b> There was a lot of discussion about membership numbers and membership fees at the conference. The proposed 15% increase for national affiliates will not be implemented until ratified at the 2017 Conference. A significant loss was made at the World Championships in Herning. Sport: the Germans are happy to be allowed to have C finals for classes with more than 100 starters - we look forward to that day in the UK. Minutes are due to be uploaded to the FEIF website on 1 <sup>st</sup> March.		
<b>3.</b>	<b>Governance</b> Dave has received HMRC forms from Ellen. Debbie is trying to get hold of the bank to clarify where we are with signatures. Trustees confirm investment of £1000 in CAF fund.	<b>DS</b> <b>DE</b> <b>DE</b>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Passports</b> Freija has updated the information on our website and our forms in line with the new law, and has written an article for Sleipnir. Still a lot to do 'behind the scenes' – ongoing and in hand.	<b>FG</b>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Youth</b> Kirsty is making preparations for Youth Cup, but there is very little interest outside her own children. She'll put something into Sleipnir to encourage interest.	<b>KC</b>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>HestFest &amp; Horse and rider</b> Mike feels energising our connecting with our Area Reps and putting everything behind HestFest should be our main focus for this year. Jemimah has a lot of stuff from Gundula to put on the website which she will do asap. Jemimah will be contacting the Area Reps to ask them what they have planned / what they would like to do / what we can do to help.  More generally re the Area Reps: if there are any areas where nothing is happening / planned, contact those Reps to see what we can do to support them more? Kirsty pointed out that some Area Reps cover a very large area and can usually only organise something where they actually are – difficult re areas which they technically cover but which are actually far away. Jemimah has	<b>ALL</b> <b>JA</b> <b>JA</b>	

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	<p>recently sent out messages to ask for new Area Reps for some areas but has had no response.</p> <p>Main topic for our F2F: how can we get the society moving forward and get the membership engaged, what do we need to do to support more regional activities?</p>	<b>ALL</b>	
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Kirsty has asked the trustees whether there is any funding available to support Sandy Carson to attend the FEIF Seminar for Breeding Horse Trainers. The trustees would like to support Sandy and cover the costs of the seminar. Discussion followed re which part of the budget to find the money from – possibly the Breeding budget, since it will result in a GB person having this breeding-related knowledge? Dave to contact Ellen to discuss details.</p> <p>Shona has asked for money to support a regional event. There is a total budget of £200 for regional activities, as a starting point Debbie has suggested we give her £100 of this towards her expenses. The trustees agreed to this amount. Jemimah will write to Shona to tell her.</p> <p>Regarding legacies - Dave has been in contact with Tim who has given his thoughts, Dave will draft guidelines for trustees to consider &amp; comment on.          Dave will contact the member who asked about this recently.</p> <p>We have been invited to the National Equine Forum. It's on a working day in London and does not appear to be worth going to, but Freija will rsvp saying we won't be there and ask them to update our contact details (the invitation went to Tim).</p> <p>We have been offered a stand at HOYS, which we would need to pay for. The trustees decided to not go - we want to focus our money, energy and time on regional activities.</p> <p>If all goes well, the BCs will be a worldranking event this year.</p> <p>We need a "Plan B" for trustees calls - Skype can be unreliable and Freija is not always available. Possible ideas: Dave to start the Skype call; powwownow or other conference call provider. Dave will come up with a Plan B and let everyone know.</p> <p><b>We all need to fill in the Doodle Poll which Dave has set up to find a date for the Spring F2F – see the email from Dave.</b></p>	<p><b>DS/EL</b></p> <p><b>JA</b></p> <p><b>DS</b></p> <p><b>DS</b></p> <p><b>FG</b></p> <p><b>MA</b></p> <p><b>DS</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b>  <b>8 MARCH 2016 at 20:00</b> - back to second Tuesday of the month</p> <p>(Freija will not be able to attend this meeting, so Plan B will have to be in place for holding the call.)</p>	<b>DS</b>	

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