



Icelandic Horse Society of Great Britain

Minutes of Board Meeting

	<p>racing, TREC obstacles, fancy dress. Some could be run in parallel with each other. TREC might give rise to a orienteering phase. Maybe Helena & Maike from Basingstoke could advise/help/organise? All this could attract a lot more people. Also possible to include tolt in harmony in the evening– judges looking for harmony between horse and rider. See how Fi's event works in the Spring. Also darts, TV, sports events cabled etc. MA will write up newsletter article to include all these possibilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance report : no anomalies reported so January report signed off • Re 1000th horse: FG looking at the database and we are not far off this number and KC is progressing the headcollar with White stitching on Icelandic Blue - agreed by all. 	<p>MA</p> <p>FG/KC</p>	
3.	<p>Trustee Board reports:</p> <p>3.1 SPORT: MA - nothing else to add re BC etc as above. Good team established now, ToR will be discussed at next SKYPE meeting. Re FEIF conference: a comprehensive hoof study has been undertaken - measuring pathology as defined by cracks/rings/angulation etc. Research done at major competitions in Europe and Iceland – in essence, Icelanders' horses have longer feet than elsewhere with an increased risk of damage. For competition/sport therefore the requisite dorsal hoof length will be reduced by -5ml (up to -10ml incl pads) – generally UK shoeing held up as exemplary and it is considered good that FEIF is acting on the scientific outcome of this study. Also debate about can the lower part of a flash noseband being used with curb bit – rejected for Sport position to be re-examined when more data available. Suggestion that T2 final should be on both reins? – No. Re PACE test – slowing down judge will now wait on the time being announced b4 they publish their mark. New judges' guidelines will be published in March/April – more emphasis on harmony and fluidity, radical change, but likely to be initially confusing for c. 2 years for both judges and riders!</p> <p>3.2 BREEDING: FG reported that, having looked at all the Icelandic calendar dates the planned breeding assessment will be later in the year. KC & FG trying to finalise dates but looking like September and maybe to include young horse assessment. The team will 'meet' soon and progress this. Format will be a breeding assessment on one day with perhaps a Gaegenakeppni on the second day. Queries were raised as to how this would work with 2nd runs for the full conformation assessments? This will be looked at by the breeding team to ensure everything is scheduled with requisite rest periods for the horses etc. TH, reporting back on the FEIF conference, said that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there would be new rules re embryo transfer being worked for presentation at next years FEIF Delegates assembly. • an I-phone app now exists for young horse assessment – available for download 		
3.3	<p>EDUCATION: KC reported that she is making a plan/resource pack/structure for trainers, potential trainers, judge education. KC to send file to DE to add to Minutes. Judge seminars/feedback etc as learning opportunity at BCs – MA/KC to liaise. - Also progressing thoughts on the calendar</p>	<p>KC KC MA</p>	



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	single to family during the year. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• KC also has two newsletter articles in progress and, re the calendar, is pursuing sponsorship. Waiting on her computer to work to circulate ideas etc. Voting for cover photo will take place at the festival, photo entries to be sent in following an article promoting the initiative in the newsletter	KC	
	TH thanked all meeting participants		
	DONM: 11th March 2014 at 19.30 via SKYPE then F2F on April 12th and/or 13th tba		

Minutes: DE

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