

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017. 13.30-17.30 hrs  
**Venue:** **Callow End Village Hall. Worcs.**  
**Present:** As per attached list (at Appendix A)  
**By Proxy:** -"-  
**Apologies:** -"-



DS opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

### 2017-agm1 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2016

These were accepted as a true record and signed proposed by DS & seconded by JA and voted through unanimously.

### 2017-agm2 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not taken under the Agenda.

### 2017-agm3 Annual reports & accounts financial year ended 31/07/2017

With copies previously sent, (hard copy by post by 21<sup>st</sup> October) to all members, the Annual Accounts and Trustee reports had been received back from the accountants after audit in late September and had been discussed and adopted by the Trustees at their meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017.

Each Trustee took the meeting through their report – highlighting key areas of interest.

**MA: Sport** Last year the Sport Group set a goal to increase increased measured riding activity - which they would facilitate. What we do with our Ikeys is diverse but it has proved difficult to quantify who has done what, so there is no formal measurement that we have increased – but we think we have! Our goal for the future will be to develop sport riding at all levels ie: riding Icelandic horses in an Icelandic way. TREC, dressage etc. are well supported elsewhere but we are the only ones that can support gaited riding. We had a Great World Championship; we were well represented by the team with some outstanding results. But we were not able to field a full team – so the Sports Group judge that as a failure as we could not field a full team of 7. In the UK, we must produce riders of a level that get to these tough (but not high) standards. We need to facilitate and bring programmes forward. Next year will also be focused on how to make it easier for folk to organise competitions where they are: Gundula (Sharman) has produced a paper that is being finalised on what you need to do/how you do this - just 1 judge is possible for example and tests can be run in a 60 x 20m arena. The Group are also seriously looking at developing virtual coaching; although this puts a pressure on judges so we're looking at ways of widening, making the test more aligned to what might occur at the BCs and thus enabling progression during the winter months. We are looking at a more generic test than the existing 'tolt on line' – will compliment and add to this. So 12-15 folk could put on a competition without great expense. This initiative is taking thought and energy to get off the ground to deliver something that members can use. Mike stressed that, with the team now fielding the same people for 4 years, they know each other well and develop things well together - a real benefit and gave thanks to his team. A further development will be the Sports Squad – providing a higher platform of competitive riding. KC and AN are working on that, as a 2 year initiative.

CH asked if we were able to say how many members have an aspiration to be in team. MA replied that we are looking to identify those with an aspiration and also what horses are capable of development, across the UK, becoming more proactive in doing so. KC said the Group were 'still thinking' and will hopefully bring thoughts together before Christmas. They are hoping – although no promises – of having some venues so

that if you, as members, are interested you can bring your horses along and 'have a go' with feedback as to where the Sports Group think you are and how we can support your development. The challenge is how we make a programme that people are happy to participate in over a longer period.

CH said that creating opportunities and feedback was a good idea but aspirers would be useful to quantify. She stressed that the Society must recognise that there are a huge number of people that never want to be in the team. KC said that there are only 7 'senior' (☺) people in the team but we want to look at all levels of rider - C sport for example not just the 7 'senior' riders! Historically, MA remarked that we have given labels of elementary, intermediate etc. to riders but these can create the wrong impression; when abroad the 4 to 5 point achiever classes are vast. Whatever level you choose is great – so don't put people into pockets and allow them to develop at their own speed

**KC: Youth** Kirsty said she came back as a Trustee a year ago, having looked after Youth for a number of years before. She highlighted that it was a desperately fragile area with few young riders (YR) – up to age 18 is classed as youth – and YR's were very dependent on families for horses, transport etc. In the last 12 months KC said she had concentrated on the older age group – it had been a relatively successful year but numbers did not grow. Going forward, this year she intended to concentrate on the younger age group whilst trying to incorporate the older ones into the work of the Sports Group. Over the last 12 months she has identified some talented riders and has tried to assist and promote them. The year saw two YR's at the World Championships – our best ever showing – also with the highest achievement of a YR. Kirsty remarked that, unfortunately International FEIF does not appeal to our youngsters.

CH remarked that, with such a small base, it was always going to be a challenge. She questioned whether we could not make riding opportunities available for young friends at shows. KC explained that doing so opened up a huge minefield specifically with respect to insurance, liability, negligence and safeguarding issues. Not being able to offer commercial riding activities in the UK on Icelandic horses was a huge drawback in attracting newcomers to the world of the Icelandic horse.

JB asked whether there are classes for children abroad. JA replied 'Yes, huge classes'. Members asked whether there could be 'Have a go class' at shows? KC replied that, at the BCs, there are youth classes run when there are > 2 or 3 participants. JB asked, if members were to run smaller shows as MA suggested above, could we then have specific classes? CPH told the meeting about the very large – and successful – camps she experienced in Holland when she was growing up.

IC queried how we reach people to ensure they have the knowledge about the Icelandic in the 1<sup>st</sup> place and said CH's forthcoming book will help! But, if running a smaller show in an area, are there riding centres close by that demos could be done and then invite the spectators to the actual show? People need to see the horses in action. KC replied it comes down to individuals to make the time and opportunities. JB says she is planning to do this this year.

CH highlighted the team's massive achievements at the WCs and initiated a round of applause!

**JA: Communications** Jem's presentation (Appendix B) took us through the media exposure she had managed to get this year. Our profile is also helped by our presence at events such as Burghley and Vikings in Middle England. The Society also gave £700 to support Regional and other non-sport events this year. A plea - PLEASE can everyone let Jem know what they are doing, and when they are doing it, with their Iceys – so we can get more news out there. In summary; it has been good year for advertising the breed. DS asked whether there had been any feedback as a result of this publicity – Jem replied that, seemingly, the number of enquiries as to is there somewhere we can ride an Icelandic in the UK had increased. Again identified as a huge problem is the very few places available where can you try an Icelandic horse. A suggestion was to

have a register of people that might be prepared to let people try their horses but risk, insurance, liability etc. stops many from offering up this opportunity. MR remarked about the growth in Facebook traffic, and thus the apparent demand for access into the Isey world – the IHSGB Group page now having 700 with 1500 comments in last 28 days. (The FB debate would be picked up later in the Open Forum session)

KS remarked that a regional focus and 1:1 has to be the way of bringing the breed closer to people. However she said that if a person visiting a yard asked to get on someone's large horse the answer would probably be no! Just because the Icelandic Horse is small why should we let an unknown rider get on? KS with her marketing programme also made a plea to everyone to get information to Jem b4 it happens! Even if a clinic/event is full needs to go on the list so that we can be seen as an active society with things going on in all areas.

MA said that, from a general perspective, "communication has improved within the Society – I am not a Face Booker and probably and never will be but the monthly bulletin good. You're doing a great job Jem! It is 'better!'"

**FG: Studbook** Freija gave an overview of what is done, shown at Appendix C. "My role is to help you to navigate what needs to be done. There are lots of laws and statute that you meet by 'doing what I say'". Most must do's are embedded within the IHSGB Studbook rules. She stressed she also met our legal requirements as a PIO (Passport Issuing Organisation) approved by DEFRA and operating under EU law. For information we have been piloting, with DEFRA, the evolving new Equine Database and have had to enter into a Data Sharing Agreement with the Equine Register to meet our legal requirements. This has been signed and witnessed today. The work means that Jem and Freija have done a lot of work in ensuring the website is up to date with all this. FG also took the meeting through the use of World Fengur looking at real time examples of the information available to IHSGB members about their horses etc. and tools such as Virtual Mate Selection. This was enthusiastically received and it is hoped members will utilise and enjoy their free access to World Fengur more when they realise what a powerful tool and information source it is.

KS remarked that, from a small survey as to why people are members of the IHSGB, one reason cited was the fact that the Society is a PIO and the passport is also an Icelandic one.

MR queried whether we can we still register non Icelandics? FG replied 'No, not any more'.

**EB: Breeding** See slides at Appendix D. Ellen outlined the logistical problems and costs of organising breeding assessments in the UK due to the low number of horses coming forward. However Ellen said they were actively trying to find ways of having breeding assessments, maybe in conjunction with the BCs so we could 'multi-task' the judges - thus keeping costs down. However, in 2016/17 the team organised a Young Horse Assessment; she remarked though that transporting youngsters can be a problem meaning a mobile event took place - assessing 17 horses at 2 separate locations. See attached slides. Mic and Maria hosted at one venue and Mandy and Smari the other and Ellen took the meeting through how the assessment worked, what the judge was looking for and the results of some of the youngsters. Also what could be learnt about conformation and development for those watching? The event was accompanied by a GK/'have a go' show with tests, instruction and races. This year the Breeding Team have changed the agenda a bit bringing more of an education element into it – developing as a rider – which will fit into the debates above. She applauded the fact that we had a British bred horse representing GB in the WCs, with a YR taking 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> placings in the pace events/classes a – fantastic achievement. To summarise Ellen said there is a variety of horses that can be bred, most people concentrate on the breeding the best sports horse but reliable leisure horses with easy tolt are paramount and not easy to find. Ellen also said they wish to grow as a Breeding Team - she wanted more input and suggestions as to what members want to see and do and that she would be inviting more people onto the team.

NB asked whether the breeding assessment could be for informing the owner on what you can expect of your own horse's development from its conformation - even if you have no intention of breeding and that the results would then inform the training needs of your horse. EB replied YES! NB therefore suggested a rebadge of the 'marketing' of the assessment to so that more owners would realise the wider benefits. EB said that the new educational seminars included on a GK or Assessment weekend are aimed to answer a demand identified from members.

FT said that more countries are recognising the value of the leisure horse and queried whether there were any plans to assess as such? EB replied that, in Germany, they are developing a test for such horses and one that can also be used to assess such a horse for purchase. The countries were surprised by the result of the survey that highlighted the recognition/value of the Leisure horse. TR said that events like the track and trail class at the BC's gave an indication as to leisure suitability/versatility. KS asked whether this increasing focus on the value of the leisure horses would help the breed keep its hardiness and not lead to extremes in the evolution of the sports horse. EB replied that FEIF is very flexible, as shown for example with the marking system for willingness. Now the horse can only get the highest marks if it can be stopped within a given distance, as FEIF recognised that horses became too forward going over the past years. Progress in breeding is achieved in relatively short time in Iceland, as they eat the animal if it does not meet the grade! Radical but brings the breeding forward tremendously.

RA remarked that, in Germany, she had heard that soundness and temperament were becoming an issue. Ellen said that most people want leisure horses with easy gaits and good temperaments but remuneration is poor for breeding such horses so it is not done enough, and will not be done, so unless and until people are prepared to pay for the time and effort of breeding such stock. She said that, maybe there is a need to work across country boundaries to find markets etc.

**DE: Finance** Taking the meeting through the Accounts (previously circulated) Debbie challenged the audience with a 15 question quiz to familiarise members with the headline figures and increase their understanding and awareness of the financial management and scope of the Society. See Appendix E. In summary –

- The year had resulted in a surplus of £5,000
- At the 31st July there we had £9.5k cash in the bank
- The bottom line of the balance sheet (ie: what the Society is worth) was £29k.

The attached slides (Appendix E) provide the detail of this presentation.

- There were no other questions to the Trustees on their reports and the meeting was asked to adopt the accounts and annual report. Proposed by CPH & seconded MR by the meeting unanimously adopted the 2016/17 final accounts and Annual Report.
- The re-appointment of Bevan and Buckland as Independent Examiners to the Accounts was endorsed for 2017/16 proposed by DS, seconded by CPH and voted through unanimously.

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#### 2017-agm4 IHSGB Budget 2017 - 2020 including IHSGB subscriptions

- Budgets for the next three years were presented (Appendix F) by DE. Proposed by FG and seconded MA by the 2017-20 rolling budget was unanimously adopted, as a month 0 /opening budget for the year.

### 2017-agm5 Presentations

MA highlighted the achievements of Charlotte Cook and her increasing involvement with both the team and the Society itself. He announced the presentation of an IHSGB tankard to her, honouring her sportsmanship and her great achievements for GB and team GB in 2017. A round of applause followed and endorsed this award.

DS followed this by saying that an army marched on its stomachs and hence the Society are honouring Jan Payne and Sarah Edwards with volunteer awards - 2 tankards with our grateful (and appreciative!) thanks – this was greeted with another round of applause

### 2017-agm6 Trustee Appointments

The following Trustees are standing down at the AGM;

- Jemimah Adams (Communications)
- Freija Glansdorp (Studbook Registrar)
- Kristina Cristoff (Education & Welfare)

The Leisure Riding portfolio remains vacant.

The following resolutions are therefore proposed:

- THAT the meeting elects a Member to the role of Communications Trustee
- THAT the meeting elects a Member as Studbook Registrar
- THAT the meeting elects a Member as Education & Welfare Trustee
- THAT the meeting elects a Member as Leisure Riding Trustee

Nominations had been received for: Jemimah Adams as Communications Trustee (proposed by Freija Glansdorp and seconded by David Savage) and Freija Glansdorp as Studbook Registrar (proposed by Ellen Brimble and seconded by Hilary Ashford). Nicola Guenigault as Leisure Trustee, nominated by Regina Andritter and seconded by Gareth Guenigault and Karen Smith, nominated by the Tysons.

Given the 1<sup>st</sup> two were not contested posts a resolution was proposed by DS and seconded by HA that the meeting elects Jemimah Adams to the role of Communications and Freija Glansdorp as Studbook Registrar. This was agreed unanimously. Stet the proposers and seconders for the next resolution and, with Karen stepping sideways for Nicola as Leisure Trustee, the meeting unanimously approved Nicola's selection to the Board as Leisure Trustee. It was noted that no nominations had been received for the Education & Welfare portfolio and none was tabled at the meeting: this post therefore remains vacant. However Kirsty Carson is covering and developing a key area of this portfolio.

The Board informed the meeting that a full review of Trustee portfolios was taking place in January. With this in mind, and being reluctant to miss the opportunity to welcome another willing volunteer and one with new skills in marketing – Karen – to the Board, the Trustees proposed that Karen was elected to the Board without portfolio pending this review and potential re-allocation of duties. This was also passed unanimously.



**2017-agm7 Breeding Rules** EB introduced the resolution to implement these new breeding rules (see attached Appendix.) Following this, KC asked whether the breeding assessment has to take place in the UK. EB replied no, as long as the horse had been born in Great Britain. KC then asked whether such a horse would then have to attend the BCs to be eligible for team selection. EB replied yes at the moment but this was under review and discussion. MR suggested a video review presentation might be considered? EB replied that the rules are a work in progress. FG remarked that there is no World Cup next year so we have a year for these new rules to bed down so that they can be reviewed and changed if something arises that we have not considered. There are no, current or up to date, rules for breeding horses in the UK so this is a start; historically MA said there were about '3 lines of rules, stipulating 7.75' but that was the extent of them. DS proposed the adoption of the resolution, seconded by FG, which was voted on and adopted unanimously.

**2017-agm8 Studbook Rules** FG took the meeting through the proposed rule changes – the resolution appended for information.

JS asked whether it was planned to backdate these changes. No, said FG, as existing dispensations are available on application to the Trustees. Proposed by FG and seconded by DS, the meeting unanimously voted this through.

**2017-agm9 Open Forum – the future**

Much of the above pertains to this topic. DS introduced this topic with a number of pointers derived from the recent F2F meeting:

- 1. To improve the members' perception of the worth of the Society for all riders and their ownership of their Society – YOU are the Society**
- 2. A riding academy; offering access to education and support throughout your journey with an Icelandic Horse**
- 3. To be able to field a full Sports Team to the WCs**
- 4. To continue to promote the welfare and purity of the breed**
- 5. To publicise the Icelandic Horse and grow its popularity as a breed**

FG said that, in answering questions as to where can I ride an Icelandic, the response is try cheap flights to Iceland from Bristol and that she was not sure how you resolve this! FP said they say 'we have no insurance, cannot take payment but that you are welcome to ride at your own risk out with us.' The safest, known horse can behave very differently with an unknown rider. Many attendees said they do offer such opportunities but having balanced their knowledge of the potential rider and the horses. KS said that, if you are doing this, you need some investment back from that person that wants to ride – get a reference etc., make the person show they are really interested rather than opportunists/joy riders. All felt it was important to have some knowledge of the prospective rider and to get as much information as possible. As above maybe have a list of people that are willing to offer this opportunity but also a check list of questions to ask of the rider. The Area Reps are the 1<sup>st</sup> port of call but, see later in discussions, this does not always work.

JA shared debates from the recent Trustee Face to Face meeting (a real rather than a virtual meeting! ) where the favoured direction was to make the areas more like local Clubs – more accessible to local members and with finances available to support local activities. With KS coming on-board as a Trustee, the Board/Management Team will be looking at what works with the current model – and people – and what doesn't and a complete review of the Area model will be carried out. There needs to be more connection

between the Society and the Areas with the Area seen as a Group / Club rather than having a focus on a single and keen individual that promotes activities in their area. KC said she has this model in her area of Scotland. However, HA highlighted that, geographically, Areas can be huge with members dispersed. KC remarked that, personally, she felt the Society was stagnant and needed to change. RA remarked it is difficult to find out who members are and where they are if their Regional rep is 'not active'. FG said that Data Protection laws make some of this difficult but we can write to our own members, asking if they are happy to share their information with each other – has to be an opt in rather than an opt out. It was recognised that we need to research the new provisions of the Act.

MA said that the IHSGB has been a central organisation, trying to do a job from Shetland to Cornwall. He said that the question to everyone as members is whether it would work better if you belonged to a local club with funding rather than a centralised organisation? About £10 of each subscription is needed to fund FEIF and governance, maybe the rest could go to Regions. Insurance for example is a real cost, yet it only covers the BCs and the breeding show and members are unclear as to what is/is not insured. We need to ask what is best for our future with all the cluster of activities we see around Britain and whether our attraction and retention rate would be better on a regional level. With a smaller number of regions but with a proactive regional team and a Trustee co-ordinating/facilitating the regions. NB said that, if we alter the structure so effectively, would we not risk the loss of members as they want to pay into local group rather than support the must do's of the Society. MR asked where the overseas clubs get their money from if they run a local club model – the answer is through affiliation or some only allow only access to the Country's studbook if the individual is a member of the national body. But, said MA, in the UK there are very low critical numbers in some clusters and things could go very bad if there was a 'limp' local organisation that lost a lot of members or a local influential but not popular body. We are a disparate society and there does need to be some 'glue' to cover this if things are going wrong. A question to the meeting then - would people feel more attached to something local? JA highlighted transport, or lack of, as a real issue in making local events a reality and said we need things we can do where we only have to transport ourselves rather than our horses – an Area coming together in the evening as friends.

KS said that, as members we must take some responsibility and should start pushing more as to why we are members – supporting the breed of our horses. Can the Society have a template of these 'reasons to be a member'?

The meeting acknowledged Facebook as being one of our biggest strengths but also our biggest threat. However there were differing opinions as to the benefits of open access to the Group pages versus member only content. With so much information now available on social media it can be difficult to understand what else membership of the Society can offer you. JA said that a review of how we use/manage and control social media is timely. There could be dedicated pages for the regional areas for example plus a central page but very much under IHSGB control. Or, should there be real local pages stemming from the Area Clubs with definite connections to the central Society pages with clear links and ones that could not be broken? There are pros and cons for the current IHSGB Group page (some did not realise there were 2 separate sites) . JP suggested you should have to be a member to see it! CH contra'd this in that she cautioned against a restriction of information – we are in an information age.

JA stressed that the IHSGB needs to be seen to be more active – hence the earlier plea for information about events. But in increasing our events, how do we address insurance? What exactly does our current premium cover? MA advised that our broker is struggling to define what could be covered at reasonable cost for riders and children and horses at events.

KC, expressing a general feeling from Trustees, asked how do we go forward from this – the IHSGB need to organise more events, but we are a finite and small group of people and are dependent on people coming forward, as members, to make it a reality.

MA said that he felt we had too many regional reps, some good and some not such good ones but they have not/do not have a proper structure to support them. We need enough critical mass to make a success with real money moving one way or another to support the areas too. He said that he was nervous about the memberships, and people asking what they get for my money.

One member remarked that they found the reduction in number of editions of Sleipnir a year a problem in gleaning information but others, the majority, said that we have to recognise we are in changing times with the advent of social media and new means of communications.

KS highlighted that she was working, with Jem, on identifying 'touch points' – at what point does someone new to Icelandics come into contact with the Society in their new customer journey.

MA suggested DS should ask the meeting if they were willing to task the Board to take the regional model further and explore options. Yes the meeting said.

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#### 2017-agm8 A.O.B.

- RE. the Caption competition in the Annual Report – there as but one entry so the prize of £25 or free membership for a year was won by Karen Smith. However Karen kindly donated this back to the Society.
- MR proposed CH as E&W Trustee but the Board thought that, as elections had already been sanctioned as above, this could lead to an increase in Trustees which would need to be discussed outside of the meeting, maybe leading to a future co-option. All Trustee portfolios were due for review in January.
- Weight carrying: the subject was introduced by JA, the Board tasked to come up with a Society statement to inform members and a guide that CAN (not should) be used. The aim was to create an overview of current scientific thinking, it is not our opinion, nor our recommendation, it is just information for members to use. As a Society it is our responsibility to make sure you have as much information and education available to you. This new statement was shared and welcomed by the members present.
- *Post meeting addition:* from Liz Kraft : "I would also appreciate if the following could be recorded at the meeting: I would like to thank the IHSGB for supporting events for leisure riders like myself who just want to ride our beasts as best we can and get feedback and advice. So thanks to Shona Stewart for organising the online league and the judges who give us feedback. Thanks to IHSGB for giving this recognition and publishing the scores in the end of year rankings. I would also like to thank Freija Glansdorp for the time she spent investigating the possibility of registering my horse. At the end of the day it became too complicated and expensive for me, however I am very grateful for Freija for following this up."

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#### 2017-agm9 Date and venue of 2017 AGM

The date was provisionally set at 17th November 2018 and Callow End was proposed again as it seems central and has been well supported with a record (?) attendance. However, geographically, we need to be further north occasionally and Edinburgh has historically had a good turnout. The consensus of the meeting was for a Northern venue in 2018, maybe Edinburgh or perhaps a northern Village Hall.



DS closed the meeting at 17.15 hrs, thanking all attendees and Fi and Ian Pugh for sourcing the venue and providing support!

MR proposed a vote of thanks to the Trustees and DS widened this to include his thanks to the Management Team.

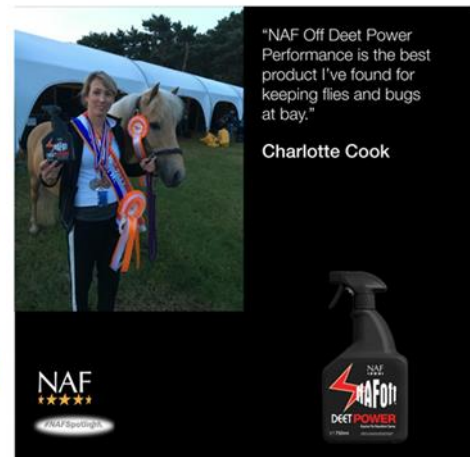
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ATTENDEES/APOLOGIES/PROXIES					18th November 2017, 13.00 hrs	
					Callow End Village Hall, Worcs	
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Jem	Adams	JA	Y			
Mike	Adams	MA	Y			
Jackie	Alexander	JALX	Y			
Regina	Andritta	RA	Y			
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Karen	Ashley		-	A		
Charlie	Barrett		-	A		
Joan	Beadle		-	A	Y	Fi Pugh
Jenny	Blakey	JB	Y			
Rosemary	Bridger		-	A	Y	The Chairman
Ellen	Brimble	EB	Y			
Nadene	Butler	NB	Y			
Phil	Butler	PB	Y			
Martine	Bye		-	A	Y	The Chairman
Aidan	Carson		-	A	Y	Kirsty Carson
Frank	Carson		-	A	Y	Kirsty Carson
Kirsty	Carson	KC	Y			
Sabrina	Chetcuti		-	A		
Kristina	Christof		-	A		
Charlotte	Cook		-	A		
Imogen	Cooper	IC	Y			
Lu	Crawford	LC	Y			
Lesley	Dellar		-	A		
Sara	Driver		-	A	Y	The Chairman
Debbie	Ede	DE	Y			
Janet	Fentiman	JF	Y			
Rona	Frame	RF	Y			
Bethany	Frear		-	A	Y	The Chairman
Freija	Glansdorp	FG	Y			
Michelle	Godwin		-	A		
Nicola	Guenigault		-	A	Y	Regina Andritter
Martin	Hind		-	A		
Catherine	Holland	CH	Y			
Janice	Hutchinson		-	A		
Tim	Hutchinson		-	A		
Liz	Kraft		-	A		
Helena	Levett	HL	Y			
Sheila	Lockhart		-	A		
Heather	Morrison		-	A		
Jan	Parsons	JP	Y			
Jan	Payne		-	A		
HELEN	POINTER	HP	Y			
Sue	Postans		-	A	Y	The Chairman
Philippa	Pringle		-	A	Y	Fi Pugh
Carola	Puddy Henry	CPH	Y			
Fi	Pugh	FP	Y			
Ian	Pugh	IP	Y			
Torbyn	Rees	TR	Y			
Mic	Rushen	MR	Y			
Dave	Savage	DS	Y			
Gundula	Sharman		-	A	Y	Mike Adams
Jeremy	Sharman		-	A	Y	Mike Adams
Karen	Smith	KS	Y			
Jane	Stone	JS	Y			
Dorothy	Thomas		-	A	Y	Kirsty Carson
Sharon	Tomlinson	ST	Y			
Fiona	Tyson	FT	Y			
Maria	Wright		-	A		

## Appendix B - Communications

## Radio



## Equestrian Suppliers

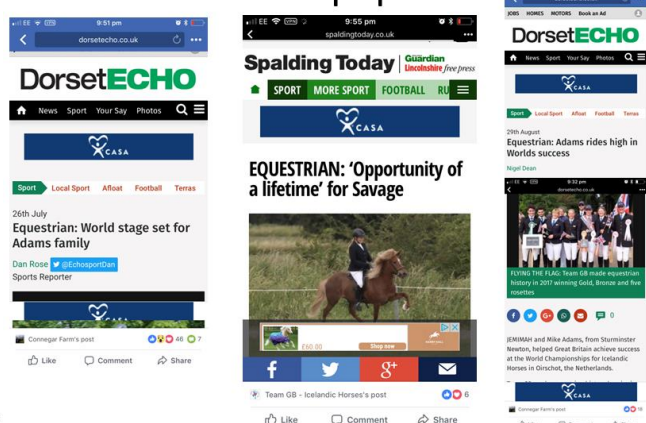


## Mainstream Horse Magazines



Horse and Rider Magazine

## Newspaper



## Mainstream Events



Burghley Ride - 'Viking Raiders'




Vikings of Middle England


## How can you help?

### IHSGB Grants

- The IHSGB has supported a variety of different events this year through the IHSGB Grant scheme for members:
  - TREC event
  - Course with an Icelandic trainer
  - Organised fun ride
- We want to hear all about what you do with your Icelandic's:
  - Let IHSGB know if you are attending **any** events with your Icelandic e.g. Ride to...., Organised rides, Major events, Competitions etc.
  - Send in photo's and articles which may be of general interest/can be sent to various sources
  - Email [communications@ihsgb.co.uk](mailto:communications@ihsgb.co.uk)

## Appendix C – Studbook

Icelandic Horse Society of Great Britain		
 <p>There are just over 1000 registered Icelandic horses located in the UK. They come from the following countries of birth:</p>		
Great Britain	536	(53.3%)
Iceland	358	(35.6%)
Germany	35	(3.5%)
Denmark	20	(2.0%)
Netherlands	15	(1.5%)
Ireland	14	(1.4%)
Norway	10	(1.0%)
Austria	8	(0.8%)
Sweden	5	(0.5%)
France	4	(0.4%)
Canada	1	(0.1%)

Icelandic Horse Society of Great Britain		
		
Foals in recent years		
• 5 foals born and registered in 2015		
• 11 foals born and registered in 2016		
• Between 9 and 11 foals born and registered in 2017 (not all registrations are in yet)		
• Expecting between 10 and 20 foals in 2018 (not all stallion serving records are in yet)		





### Icelandic Horse Society of Great Britain

#### Studbook work done in 2016 – 2017 (vs 2015 – 2016)

Registration + passport	12	(5)
Duplicate passports	0	(0)
Transfer of ownership	40	(47)
Death of horses	23	(20)
Export of horses	0	(3)
Registration of imports	37	(20)
Change of name / address	11	(8)
Total Studbook Activity	123	(103)

... and lots of questions answered!



### Icelandic Horse Society of Great Britain

#### ...and meeting our own legal requirements.

- Defra's Minimum Operating Standards for PIOs
- Including a new Central Equine Database for the UK:
  - IHSGB Ltd is a horse passport issuing organisation (PIO), approved by Defra to collect and record data relating to horses and their owners pursuant to the current EU law.
  - The Regulations require a central equine database (CED) for each state.
  - Each PIO is required by law to transfer data relating to each passport to the CED, and to keep the data on the CED up-to-date.
  - The IHSGB is part of a pilot scheme for the implementation of the Central Equine Database, we have been testing an early version and feeding comments back.



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#### Trying to help you navigate the requirements...

- Horse passport laws and other statutory requirements
  - EU laws (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/262)
  - UK laws
  - Defra's Minimum Operating Standards for PIOs
- FEIF Rules
- IHSGB Studbook Rules



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#### Trying to help you navigate the requirements

=> it's all on the IHSGB website!

- Studbook "How To" Guide
- Studbook Rules
- Using Horse Passports



## Appendix D – Breeding

### *Saturday - Young Horse assessment with Johannes Hoyos at Solva Icelandics and Smári & Mandy*

17 horses were assessed and a number of horses reached a total mark of 8 or over:



**Tindur from Solva** achieved a total mark of 8.0 and charmed everyone with fluent Tölt, nice leg lifting and a very independent personality.

**Sveinn from Solva** also achieved a total mark of 8 and impressed with fluent movements and well separated gaits.



**Mjölfnir from Breach** achieved a total mark of 8.1, having shown high movements and an elegant conformation.





**Óður frá Hestasýn** also achieved a total mark of 8.1 in his young horse assessment with an impressive 8.2 for conformation as an individual mark.

**Tindur frá Kálfhóli 2** achieved a final mark of 8.1 in his young horse assessment as well, having achieved 8.1 for each of the individual scores.



#### *Gaeðingakeppni day at Connegar Farm on Sunday*

**Have-a-Go** in the morning (everybody rode a test of his choice and Johannes gave tips how to improve

our performances before the actual competition began). The A-Flokkur (for five gaited horses) was won by Mike Adams with Kafteinn frá Kommu, and the B-Flokkur (for four gaited horses) by Agnes Fehrm with Svala from Witchampton. The newly introduced C-Flokkur (only one speed of Tölt has to be shown) was won by Ann Savage with Klettur, and Fi Pugh with Maron won the T7 Tölt competition. The day was finished off with the popular timed runs in Tölt, Trot, Gallop and Pace.



#### *Summer 2017 – WC in Oirschot, Holland*

A British bred horse, **Odinn from Inchree**, represented Great Britain with his **Youth Rider Aidan Carson**.

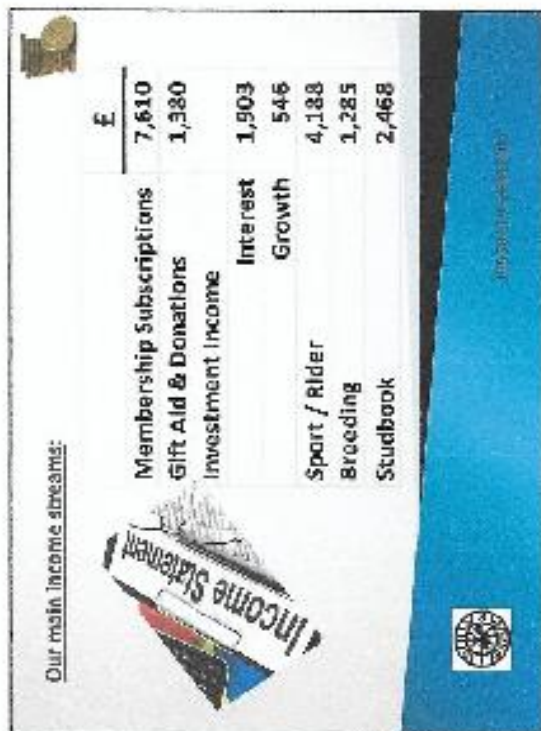
What an achievement:

5th place PP1 (pace test) of Young Riders

7<sup>th</sup> place in P2 (Speedpace) with a time of under 8 seconds



## Appendix E- Finance





6. How much, per member, does FEIF cost us?  
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7. So did we make a surplus or a loss? &  
8. How much was it?

	£
INCOME	20,003
EXPENDITURE	15,003
SURPLUS/ (LOSS)	5,000

But why? And what for?

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9. How much is our Society worth?

*The Balance Sheet is an accounting report that allows us to see a snapshot of our Society at year end (31st July). It shows our assets and our liabilities and our net worth.*

	£
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Tangible Assets (eg: Trophies)	90
Debtors	2,287
Investments	23,188
Cash	9,533
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>35,098</b>
<b>LIABILITIES - Creditors</b>	<b>- 6,076</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>29,022</b>

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10. How many members do we have?

11. How much is the current Single membership subscription?  
£36 (£45 for a family)

12. How many new members join each year?  
24 in 2015/16 and 24 in 2016/17

13. How many members do you think we have had since the Society began?  
980

165 Single & 51 Family members at year end.

But 1008 horses!

*In context, Iceland has >11,000 members/97,000 horses and Germany more than 25,000 members & 53,000 horses! (source: FEIF)*

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We're nearly there! This question is for £500,000....

14. How many members (%) don't renew their membership each year?  
10% on average (26 left last year & 21 this year). 5% are only members for one year.

IHSGB Membership 2011-2017

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY  
£250,000

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**And finally...**

15. What is the purpose of the Development Reserve and how much is in it?

The interest earned each year can be used to award grants to schemes that further the Society's objectives. At 31st July the fund totalled £10,507. The Board propose to increase this to £14k. Our investments would then total £26,000 (incl. Youth £7k & ER £5k).



## Appendix F – The Budget

IHSGB Ltd 3 year rolling budgets

MONTH		TO BE ADOPTED/DISCUSSED 18TH NOVEMBER 2017 AT THE AGM					
WORKING PAPERS		revised as at 28th october		all years same price base (ie: no inflation)			
12/11/2017 version 2		2017/18		2018/19		2019/20	
		INCOME £	SPEND £	INCOME £	SPEND £	INCOME £	SPEND £
		OPENING FYE BUDGET	OPENING FYE BUDGET	OPENING FYE BUDGET	OPENING FYE BUDGET	OPENING FYE BUDGET	OPENING FYE BUDGET
Breeding	Training Resource - books		150				
Breeding	Breeding show }				500		
Breeding	Young Horse Assessment }				250		250
Breeding	Gaedingakeppni }		250		250		250
Breeding	All activity	-	400	-	1,000	-	500
Studbook	All activity	2,000	1,800	2,000	1,800	2,000	1,800
Sport/Riding	WC						
Sport/Riding	Rider Development/Virtual Coaching	1,500	2,000	1,500	2,000	1,500	2,000
Sport/Riding	MEM				250		
Sport/Riding	FESTIVAL }		250		250		250
Sport/Riding	British Championships }						
Sport/Riding	All activity	1,500	2,250	1,500	2,500	1,500	2,250
Youth	Youth Cup	2,000	2,000			2,000	2,000
Youth	Youth Camp						
Youth	Youth general spend		275		275		275
Youth	CAF youth growth	100		100		100	
Youth	CAF Youth interest	175		175		175	
Youth	All activity	2,275	2,275	275	275	2,275	2,275
Membership	subscriptions	7,500		7,500		7,500	
Membership	FEIF fees		500		500		500
Membership	FEIF Conf	750	1,500	750	1,500	750	1,500
Membership	Regional Activities		500		500		500
Membership	Insurance		1,100		1,100		1,100
Governance	Trustee expenses		500		1,000		500
Governance	Accountancy/professional fees		540		540		540
Governance	Admin & Stationery/Website incl Management Team expenses & travel, AGM costs and mailing		750		750		750
Governance	Depreciation		18		14		12
Mem/Govern	All activity	8,250	5,408	8,250	5,904	8,250	5,402
Fundraising	gift aid	1,200		1,200		1,200	
Fundraising	IHSGB Investment Funds (excl Youth) Interest and Growth	750	750	750	750	750	750
Fundraising	donations	250		250		250	
Fundraising	All activity	2,200	750	2,200	750	2,200	750
Comms	Advertising	100		100		100	
Comms	Newsletter costs		2,500		2,500		2,500
Comms	Awards/Misc		60				
Comms	Publicity and promo		130		130		130
Communicat	All activity	100	2,690	100	2,630	100	2,630
GRAND TOTAL		16,325	15,573	14,325	14,859	16,325	15,607
Surplus/ (Deficit)			752		(534)		718



**Appendix G – Breeding Rules** the following resolution was adopted: the meeting approves the following WC qualification requirements for UK born breeding horses:

#### **Qualification Requirements of UK Breeding Horses for World Championships**

##### ❖ **Minimum Total Scores, achieved at an official FEIF breeding assessment:**

<b>Mares &amp; Stallions:</b>	
5 year olds	7.75
6 year olds	7.9
7 years and older	8.0

##### ❖ **Selection criteria for qualification:**

- The horse must have been born in the United Kingdom and have a FEIF ID starting with "GB".
- The 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> digit in the FEIF ID must not be 99.
- The horse must have participated in a FEIF breeding evaluation in the calendar year of the World Championships or in the preceding calendar year for qualification scores.
- In case the horse has achieved the qualification score in the year preceding the WC, the qualifying mark will be carried over into the WC year (i.e. if a 5 year old horse achieved a total score of say 7.8 at a breeding evaluation in the year preceding the WC, it would still be eligible to participate as a 6 year old although the total mark is below the required 7.9 for 6 year old horses).
- The highest scoring horse in each division has the right to be considered to participate in the World Championships if it has reached the required qualification scores.
- If the highest scoring horse is unable to participate, the next highest scoring horse earns the right to be considered for nomination. If the second horse cannot participate the right to be considered will go to the next horse and so forth, as long as the horses have met the minimum qualification scores.
- The horse has to be presented at the British Championships in the year of the WC.
- The final selection of horses representing the UK at the WC will be made by the Breeding Team.

##### ❖ **The following rules apply to all horses representing the United Kingdom in Breeding at the World Championships:**

- All rules of FEIF for the World Championship apply (passport, vaccinations etc).
- Riders can be chosen freely by the horse owner.
- Riders will be part of the UK team and have to obey the rules set forth by IHSGB or its representatives.
- Riders have to wear UK team clothing while representing the United Kingdom at the World Championships. Breeding Team 28.10.2017

Breeding Team  
28.10.2017



**Appendix H – Studbook Rules** the following resolution was adopted: the meeting approves that the following amendments are incorporated into sections 4.1 and 4.3.3 of the studbook rules:

#### **4.1 Progeny of Stallions born since 1992**

Before progeny of any stallion born in the United Kingdom since 1992, or of any other stallion which has started serving in the United Kingdom, can be registered, the Studbook Office must receive a Certificate issued by a Veterinary Surgeon qualified to practice ~~in The United Kingdom~~. This veterinary certificate is not required if the stallion has had a full FIZO breeding assessment with its accompanying veterinary checks. This certificate must certify that the stallion does not suffer from any congenital defect, which is likely to affect the performance by that horse of basic functions such as sight, mastication, support, locomotion and reproduction. This certificate should be received by the Studbook Office prior to the stallion serving any mares and certainly prior to receipt of the stallion's first annual serving certificate. Progeny from stallions that do not receive a satisfactory certification may still be registered as pure-bred Icelandic horses, but will be placed in a separate section of the Studbook denoted by the Area of Birth Code '99' and will not be eligible to represent the Society in any International Breeding Competition. Registration will be at twice the non-member rate. (See Section 7.6.2-7.6.3)

#### **4.2 Stallions used for breeding in The United Kingdom from 2001**

All Stallions used for breeding from 1 January 2001 must have a sample of DNA material taken. This sample must be forwarded to the Studbook Office, not later than the end of the calendar year of first service, together with any fee as decided by the Trustees. The Studbook Registrar shall arrange for a laboratory test and report. A Copy of the DNA profile will be returned to the stallion owner and a copy kept for Society records.

#### **4.3 Stallions born since 2003**

4.3.1 All stallions born in the year 2003 and thereafter must have proof of parentage by DNA analysis. Samples of DNA material must be obtained from colt, father and mother. This sample must be forwarded to the Studbook Office, preferably before but not later than the end of the calendar year of first service, together with any fee as decided by the Trustees. The Studbook Registrar shall arrange for a laboratory test and report. A Copy of the DNA profile will be returned to the stallion owner and a copy kept for Society records.

4.3.2 In situations where it is not possible to provide proof of parentage, the stallion owner may apply to the Trustees for a dispensation. The Trustees may request a ruling from FEIF.

4.3.3 Progeny from the stallion may still be registered as pure-bred Icelandic horses, but if the Trustees have not granted a dispensation, it will be placed in a separate section of the Studbook denoted by the Area of Birth Code '99' and will not be eligible to represent the Society in any International Breeding Competition. Registration will be at twice the standard rate. (See Section 7.6.2-7.6.3)



Studbook Registrar  
28.10.2017