



Icelandic Horse Society of Great Britain Ltd

MEETING 3rd June 2024 at 19.30 hours, Zoom online

Present: Trustees & Management.

Hilary 'H' Ashford (HA), Martine Bye-Duke (MBD), Harriet Bye (HB), Debbie Ede (DE),

Freija Glansdorp (FG), Fi Pugh (FP), Ellen Brimble (EB).

1. Apologies

Jemimah Adams (JA), Kathryn Wogan (KW), Ian Pugh (IP)

Jane Marfleet (Minutes)

2. Minutes of last meeting/s & Matters Arising (mins)

(From 4th Dec 2024, Jemimah Adams will archive paper minutes after each meeting)

The minutes of the May meeting were agreed and signed off.

Matters arising were to be addressed within each of the trustees points.

3. Chair's Update - MBD

- MBD explained that the Welfare Group's first meeting had taken place. To fulfil the criteria of four meetings a year. This year the meeting will be closer together. Due to MBD currently having two trustee roles, HB had kindly offered to chair/lead these meetings.

- **Future Planning**

MBD asked everyone to consider the next 3 years or 5 years, thoughts for 2026. To establish a plan and consider its cost implications needs further discussion. This will also support our financial reports to be written in the near future. DE suggested 8th July, EB is the only person that may have difficulty attending. A conversation before EB's departure to a potential WiFi blackspot will inform us of EB's input.

FG confirmed that the document for the forward planning was available, currently in the agenda folder. Everyone was encouraged to share their thoughts and ideas. 2026 is the 40th

anniversary of the Society and careful consideration of an event or events needs to be developed now.

ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when

Fill in thoughts and ideas on future planning before the meeting on 8th July.

Trustees & Treasurer Meeting for Future planning Monday 8th July 24.

- **Scottish Event (August 2024)**

Financial Support has been received by the organisers, Shona Stewart and Liz Kraft.

4. Education - JA

MBD gave an update that had been received from JA

Marie Brittenden - British Gaited horse association, unfortunately JA had not been able to write the letter for supporting this organisation at the moment due to her workload. It will be completed in due course.

ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when

JA to write a letter of support to Marie Brittenden

- **Update- Regional Coordinators Update**

At the moment it was proving to be a difficult task to coordinate the Area coordinators, but JA will persevere with this.

ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when

To arrange a meeting with area coordinators

- **An educational course in the North**

JA would still like to offer an educational course in the North, but needs support from willing members to find a suitable venue etc.

5. Sport – FP

- **Update- British Championships**

We currently have twenty nine horses entered, but decisions for tests will come at a later date.

We already have Carina Heller (Germany) FEIF International Sport Judge & Isabelle Mertens (Belgium) National Sport Judge. Sandy Carson will also be returning to the UK to judge for the weekend.

FP had also invited our Regional Judges to co judge/write for the judges.

FP to speak with Kirsty Carson to finalise BC arrangements. Accommodation for judges was in process.

The system used before covid for people to volunteer during the BC's has not proved successful. This is why it was not added to the entry form this year.

Luan Crawford will be helping Ian Pugh with the scoring/Icetest in the secretary's hut.

FP said that she knew what volunteer roles she needed to fill for the sports part of the BC's. MBD explained that with the introduction of an IHSGB gazebo, merchandise and more a coordinated approach for volunteers was needed.

FP asked about subsistence for the Judges & sport's team.

It was agreed that the three Judges, the sport's team (Kirsty Carson, Crisse Edwards, Robyn Philpott, Andrew Nickalls) & the admin team (Ian Pugh & Luan Crawford) would all have their meals paid for by the IHSGB.

A discussion around spectator's entry fees ensued, as DE has only had a few people pay to visit. This has not been clarified in the past, who pays to attend and who doesn't. As it was too close to this year's British Championships it was too late for any corrections. MBD was concerned that this did not have clarity. FP said in the past, she had not checked this.

Track & Trail, FP will be speaking to Catherine Holland but was not sure of her personal situation. FP will speak to Catherine to confirm her position. MBD suggested that Rebekah Spowage might be able to step in as she is a TREC person. FP will confirm and sort out the Track and Trail class.

ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when

FP to speak with Catherine Holland-Track & Trail Class confirmation & clarification tbc

6. Youth HB

Welfare Group, the dates have now been set for the rest of the year.

Tuesday 9th July 7.30 PM

Tuesday 10th September 7.30 PM

Tuesday 22nd October 7.30 PM

The meeting was very positive and has got off to a good start. The group would like to start producing materials, ready for board approval to be placed onto our website.

Notes/minutes in shared drive manatees - groups - welfare - notes/minutes

YOUTH

HB asked if EB had received a reply from our insurance company to confirm the situation with overnight stays and out Youth Members. At this present time we have not received a reply. Based on previous interaction it was felt that we are probably ok, but we are awaiting that confirmation. It is also important to receive clarity as we will have Youth at the Summer Camp (& overnight stays).

'Just in case' the insurance company requires a further safeguarding risk assessment HB has prepared this in readiness. This is also for the Summer Camp in September.

British Championship- The Health & Safety plan & the Management plan are both ready.

The Health and Safety Plan, Event Management Plan, Incident report form, near miss incident report form, Incident Investigation Form and New Hazard Update Form are all ready to go for BC's
HB thanking Ellen and Freija for their help with this.

The information booklets for riders and visitors are almost ready. It was agreed that our regular Sleipnir Magazine printer would be able to print the booklets.

MBD thanked HB for all the extra work outside the Youth remit.

ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when

Booklet feedback needed especially for maps, cut off Wednesday 12th June by all.

7. Leisure – Martine

● Summer Fun Camp

MBD had carried out a site visit to the venue. The owner Bruce showed her around and gave access to the various accommodation and facilities available.

There was an offer of a Western style demonstration for around £100. This was discussed and it was decided that this was too expensive & probably not necessary. Lessons in Western Riding were also available on their horses at a fairly high cost. It is up to our attendees to book this directly if they want to have the experience.

ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when

MBD to promote the camp after the BC's.

● Demonstrations/Shows

The Monmouth Show 18th August

MBD had emailed in response to the organisers explaining it might be difficult to collect a team for this Year's show.

FP said that she may be able to do this demonstration.

ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when

FG will check to see if she is available asap.

All Steps Formation Riding Summer Gala

MBD explained that her & Rowena had been invited back by The All Steps directors. Sadly, Barry Laker & Luan Crawford were unable to attend. There are two potential replacements; Sarah Northway & Ella Smyth. They are spending a few days with MBD to go through the routine and how formation riding works. FP may be interested but would get back to MBD asap if it was at all possible.

MBD also mentioned that the IHSGB has supported this high profile event with some financial support. It is promoting the Icelandic Horse at a public equestrian event.

ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when

MBD to investigate costs for the riders.

8. Breeding & Studbook – Ellen

EB said it would be nice to have The Scottish Breeding Show every year and with a moving venue. Voting on the location was very well accepted by potential participants as they felt involved. The format of education, breeding & competition. It started with riding lessons where you could ride your test. This was followed by the conformation judging by Tom. He explained why you should look at the conformation of the horse.

FG explained that Tom made the whole process relaxed & with humour. This has given people the confidence to say 'next time they would have their horse assessed'.

EB explained that there were lots of very positive comments received about taking this event North. EB also said in terms of logistics it is more difficult. Not knowing the venue, the riders or the riders abilities can be an issue. Two riders did unceremoniously dismount. Both riders were OK. EB & FG had discussed the riders as both were wearing air vests. This may be an indication of their confidence level and perhaps we could keep 'an eye out' for the less confident riders.

EB stated care needs to be taken with doing too many events as we may spread ourselves too thinly. MBD agreed and explained this is why we need a planning meeting to find our way forward.

MBD thanked FG & EB for all their efforts in making this a successful event.

EB would like to organise an event such as this every calendar year and a young horse assessment every two years. The latter being easy to set up, the unfortunate part is the long distance travelling.

9. Comms - KW Relayed by MBD

BC's Rosettes are ordered.

Weigh Bridge contact has not replied to emails.

Castle Feeds are still deciding how they will support us, with a raffle prize or??

Hanne's Heart Strings is now unable to attend the BC's due to a house move being brought forward.

ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when

KW to continue with links to weigh bridge & Castle Feeds.

10. - Finance DE

Nothing to report

11. AOB

MBD questioned an email received re: Sky wanting to attend our British Championships. FG stated that she also has received numerous emails through the studbook email address. MBD & FG were both sceptical about these emails and considered that they are definitely spam.

DE as a member with Rona Frame are trying to arrange a one-day training course straight after the Summer Camp at the same venue. MBD said we need to promote the fact that members can/should try to organise small group gatherings for courses.

HA asked about the original information leaflet/booklet with regard to us carrying out more demonstrations. She stated that it's been an issue for around five years.

MR & HB had been working collaboratively last year on this. Sadly it was rejected by the Chair at that time.

FG asked if we could revisit this.

ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when

It was agreed to have the leaflet put onto the shared drive for Trustees to view and take forward. HB stated it is so important for us all to give feedback so that changes can be made. HB also shared the link in the chat during the meeting.

FG asked if we had sent out an electronic edition of Sleipnir. It was unusual to receive the paper copy first.

DE confirmed that JA normally does this.

This is a communication matter and perhaps KW will pick this up in future.

ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when

In JA's absence HA kindly offered to send this out to all members. MR will send the final copy to HA for this to happen.

12. Date & Type/Venue of next meeting –

- Monday 1st July, 20.00 hours
Trustees & Management team Zoom Meeting, Please note the meeting will now follow on from the British Championships debrief with the Sport's group.

- Trustees Planning Meeting
Monday 8th July, 19.30 hours.