



Icelandic Horse Society of Great Britain B.o.T Meeting + Management.

MEETING Minutes 2nd July 2024 . Time: 19.30 hrs, Zoom online.

Present: Trustees & Management.

Martine Bye-Duke Chair (MBD), Fi Pugh (FP), Jem Adams (JA), , Kathryn Wogan (KW), Harriet Bye (HB), Freja Glansdorp (FG) , Mic Rushden [MR], Hilary 'H' Ashford (HA) , Jane Marfleet (JM).

1. Apologies : Chair opened meeting with apologies from:

Ellen Brimble (EB), Debbie Ede (DE).

The Minutes were recorded then written up by Jane Marfleet (JM) .

2. Minutes of last meeting & Matters Arising.

The minutes of the last meeting on 3rd June 2024 were agreed upon. FP noted a grammatical error on the minutes.

Action : MBD noted to all that there is a comments box that can be used if required for comment on the minutes when sent out for approval. FG completed the edit to the doc.

MBD Action points from the last meeting will be addressed during the meeting.

3. Chairs Update – MBD

- Financial Planning,

MBD confirmed the meeting Monday 8th to take place for consideration of the next 3 - 5 years, also thoughts for 2026.

MBD. Document moved over to the agenda folder for this meeting so that Trustees can add to the document to ensure that the 3 to 5 year plan can be put out, which is essential.

MBD. Reminder message from DE for all expenses to be applied for and financial plan completed by all as soon as possible for financial year end.

- The Showing Council AGM

MBD. Attended the British Horse Society (BHS) Centre. An interesting day. The AGM in the morning with a meeting and speaker in the afternoon. The manager of the facility has offered use of the conference facility at the BHS Centre – costs were not discussed but as members of Showing Council this may be negotiable. Some very useful information.

ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when.

Trustees to look into costs for using the BHS facility. Planning days can be a consideration when looking at facilities for meetings/ events by Trustees/ Management. MBD will post full minutes from the event when published.

- Minutes 2

MBD has asked Sabrina Chetecuti to take minutes as minutes 2 when JM cannot do. This will provide a backup. Sabrina has agreed to stand in when required. Sabrina has suggested to MBD using a text/dialogue when recording. This can be looked into.

MBD agreed, worth looking into.

ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when.

MBD will look into use of on screen text for future meetings when setting up the Zoom meetings.

4. Education – JA

- Marie Brittenden, British Gaited Horse Association.

JA has put together a letter for the British Gaited Horse association and sent to BoT's and management. FG has a couple minor comments. JA has asked for any points raised to be emailed over to her for action.

ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when. All to look at the letter please and respond to JA to agree or add comments, ask for inclusions. All comments to be emailed over to JA for her consideration. .

- Regional Coordinators.

JA-Difficulties to arrange agreed convenient time that works for meeting with all coordinators. JA has contacted all coordinators to ask for input of plans and ideas, and will set up a page or group for Regional coordinators that have already agreed to take on the roles so that local riders can be engaged. HB suggested group but stated this depends on settings. Group allows communication between members. FP agrees and uses a group page for Sport, anyone can post, chat and so group less restrictive.

ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when. JA will launch group page on Face Book for Regional coordinators and continue to pursue timing for meeting.

- An educational course in the North.

JA has posted to ask for some support with this but not received any responses as yet. Therefore not likely until at least August. MBD mentioned Arena UK, but noted it is very large and JA also noted hire such as this increases the cost considerably but will have to look at it.

ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when. JA will look again and try to see if can arrange an educational event in the North for this year if possible.

5. Sport – FP

- **Update on MEM**

FP has updated the Trustees position regarding the team for MEM at meeting on Monday 1st July . To confirm for the minutes FP to release statement from Sport for BoT and Management

JM received statement as follows – thank you FP:-

Mid-European Championships - August 2024.

Team selection MEM IHSGB Sport announcement . FP

Jemimah Adams - Sport A on Skirnir frá Skipaskaga. Sport B if she wishes on Örn frá Hofstöðum

Recommended to ride in Sport B - Nadine Kunkel on Kjarkur frá Efri-Rauðalæk

Mike Adams - pace only on Rut frá Efri-Rauðalæk

Pace test is open for sport A+B riders, so JA could do PP1 on Örn if desired

Pace races - no qualifiers for this in GB but Sport Group would allow pace riders to compete in these (MA & JA this year)

Freija has a qualifying mark but has decided not to go.

Alex Lane, Imogen Cooper, Emilia Wogan didn't meet the standard and Svenja Rumpf has not provided proof of meeting standard.

James Faulkner - at present does not meet IHSGB or FEIF requirements.

- British Championships feedback

FP. Commented that from feedback British Championships a great success. Can always feel can look at improvements too for future events. A good number attended and enjoyed the event.

6. Youth HB

HB would like to introduce Sportsmanship youth cup trophy towards end of year. HB is looking at this as an idea to support youth. MBD agreed it was a good idea to support future riders.

ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when. HB will develop idea to encourage youth IHSGB members and riders.

7. Leisure – MBD

- All Steps Gala – Okehampton Devon.

MBD All going ahead. All clothing collected – HB negotiated with suppliers for discounted rates.

The embroidery included the suppliers logo as part of the sponsorship. MBD showed a breakdown of costs. The clothing has all been collected from the suppliers with embroidery completed, this includes the supplier logo as a significant sponsor of the clothing.

MBD asked the Trustees, what support can be offered for these costs? - and reminded she cannot be involved in this decision as on the display team.

MBD was concerned that we needed to look at improving the profile by having uniform riding wear to represent the IHSGB at this event as in the past this has not been at best.

HB on behalf of youth asked £196.59 (includes stabling) for Ella youth rider should be offered. This was agreed by JA as a Trustee.

MBD checked and was agreed that all had read the proposal put forward for All Steps funding. Outcomes following discussion ;

Costs, excluding travel, are £196.59 each and £171.59, for clothing and stables. Without cost of stables @£75 = £121.59 each for clothing. KW suggested pay for clothing. All agreed. Clothing to be paid for from IHSGB funds. HA suggested a PR budget in future, this was liked by all. JA keen we support as much as possible when members are using their own resources in time and cost.

ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when. Trustees, agenda item, to discuss a PR budget for next year to be put in place.

Action for finance. Payment has been agreed to be applied for riders. MBD to supply details of names invoices, numbers going ; IHSGB to pay £121.59 per rider for uniform, plus Ella as a youth rider £75 stable fee to be paid from youth.

- Summer Fun Camp

Attendees booked are currently 18 . There are 28 stables available. The applications to attend this will close towards the end July - once this is passed MBD will put out a schedule.

ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when. MBD will prepare a schedule for Summer Camp and start up a communication group after applications close.

8. Breeding & Studbook .

- FG changes to studbook rules.

“The Breeding Team would like to make a small change to the studbook rules: under the current system, stallion owners effectively need to certify the same serving twice, and we would like to remove this duplication”.

FG asked for confirmation of agreement of changes to stud book rules that have been published. Trustees confirmed in agreement with the changes.

ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when. Changes to be applied.

9.Comms - KW

- KW to confirm Orchard Farm entries into Sleipnir. (I can't get to the bottom of this)! KW
- KW to confirm WC's advertising.
- KW & HB will work on the advertising package.
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ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when. Move outcomes forward to next agenda.

11. AoB

- **Feedback from a new member. JA**

The following points were made in discussion to JA which she shared with the meeting :-More interactive Sleipnir – more pictures less wordy

Sport, how can it be 'Sport' if only one competition – could force people to go elsewhere .

Youth involvement as our future.

Different events?

'Jumping' in track and trail, different activities – MBD this is an insurance issue.

Look at FEIF / Non FIEF rule competitions. To encourage people less well equipped.

Constructive feedback .

FP proposed to have a go show to allow feedback to riders . But attendance key as past events have not always been well supported.

JA confirmed that idea of events important with feedback to encourage for BCs as well prepared.

H added that have a go shows effective and have had in the past.

FP suggested previously worked by running over a weekend. Gave chance for practice and small competitions. Suitable oval tracks can be inhibitive FP.

FG reminded that insurance issues are now a massive shift that has to be considered. Maybe can encourage members to do but not under IHSGB banner .

ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when

Trustees/ Management to look at possibility of running these type of event and some of issues discussed – future agenda Chair.

- **MBD Sleipnir Deadline for publication 15th July**

MR confirmed large number of additions held and can have any number of pages but as long as not going above 2nd class postage.

MBD reminded that "white page space is important" for any specific needs e.g dyslexia reference accessing content and text. HB/ MR concerned that at times there is not much response to enquiry for input. All agreed following discussion to involve youth members in competitions and then publicise this with photos of members with their prizes. MR questioned about youth member numbers – HB confirmed 5. FP suggested crosswords.

ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when Develop ideas around discussion MR/ All

- **Sponsorship for members by members.**

MBD. Lotta gave some lovely prizes for the BCs raffle – MBD has approached possibility of adverts on IHSGB website and offer of discount and this is a possibility.

ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when

MBD/ Comm. Take forward

- **IHSGB flag**

MR has offered a flag that she has but MBD feels would be useful also to have our own flags to use at events.

- **IHSGB Leaflets**

HB has some leaflets in drive. FG and H would like to issue with passports and for new members. FG to discuss with HB at end of meeting. H suggested a leaflet to tell people about Icelandic horse that is low cost to produce and issue at general events.

ACTION NEEDED, by whom & by when

Trustees / management to look at : Produce simple handout information details for distribution at events etc where general public are interested. More detailed member information leaflet for new memberships etc.

12. Date & Type/Venue of next meeting –

- Monday 5th August, 19.30.
- Trustees & Management Zoom Meeting

As there was no other business the meeting was closed at 20.52.

Agreed