



Icelandic Horse Society of Great Britain Ltd BoT Meeting + Management

MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY 6TH MAY 2025 19.30 ZOOM ON-LINE

Trustees & Management.

Martine Bye-Duke Chair (MBD), Jem Adams (JA), Hilary Ashford (HA), Ellen Brimble (EB), Harriet Bye (HB), Debbie Ede (DE), Chrissy Edwards (CE), Linnie Frith (LF), Freija Glansdorp (FG), Fi Pugh (FP), Mic Rushen (MR)

The Minutes were recorded then written up by Saby Chetcuti (SC)

1. Opening and Apologies

Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies from Crissie Edwards & Linnie Frith

2. Minutes of last meetings & Matters Arising

- 2.1. Minutes of April Minutes were approved.
- 2.2. Manatees excel task sheet was reviewed.

Decision - The committee agreed to the adoption of a new format for their meetings, which includes a to-do list and action log. It will be used to drive the agenda format for individual reports .

3. Chair's Update – MBD

3.1. 40th Anniversary Events

Preparations are underway. A folder on the shared drive is available for ideas together with a sheet on the awards evening

■ 2025 Awards Evening for the IHSGB 40th Anniversary Year

Hotel venues with potential for a celebratory evening at a local cèilidh club have been narrowed down and will be pursued for more information. The event will be held in February 2026

Request from the Chair for Award Ideas **Action: All**

- All Steps formation riding have been in contact with regard to an idea for an event in April 2026. There are hopes that IHSGB maybe able to take part and promote Icelandic horses
- 3.2. IHSGB Welfare Group (meeting next week 13/5). Debbie Marsden has agreed to chair the group
- 3.3. The Showing Council
The Showing Journal. Issue 134, has an entry/update for our society.
The annual fee has been paid. The Showing Council requirement for a second representative -deferred until after the AGM
- 3.4. AGM & Manatees planning dates 15th-16th November
Hotels close to the centre are being explored including potential for an AirBnB . See later notes 4.1
- 3.5. Restructuring IHSGB progress/update/review
 - Ideas include stream lined with FEIF or an Executive Board
 - Preliminary work will be conducted in May and June with the aim of exploring possibilities for the organisation's future structure
 - New FEIF structure for the breeding committee and subgroups are also under review. FG expressed a need to inform Registrars before the plans are published. **Action** : EB
- 3.6. FEIF National Chairpersons meeting
 - World Fengur is implementing new fees and costs to reflect an update of the database. **Action**: Breeding to provide more information
 - A lady in the Netherlands has a large number of items that she would like to donate to FEIF. (A possibility for a virtual museum in the future).
As the IHSGB has no base, proposals were discussed for a virtual museum of our own, exploring ideas for any further action. **Action**: All to feedback
- 3.7. FEIF Conference UK proposal (EB)
 - The process involves picking 2 hotels for FEIF to choose from
 - Plans need to include accompanying entertainment, budgets and costs.
 - Decision** FEIF conference proposal will be parked until September, when two hotel options will be proposed
- 3.8. Strangles awareness week (first week May). **Action** MBD to provide content links, to share on social media

3.9. Sponsorship opportunities for fundraising

- Three companies who have sponsored in the past are work in progress

Phoenix ME

Essex services Group

Dornan Group

4. Finance-DE

4.1. AGM - update/IT/promotion

Location <https://museumofthehorse.co.uk/>

- Discussion focused on hotel options near the Museum of the Horse in Newark. and the need for a flexible rate.
Action: Options for further discussion at the June meeting DE
- A commitment from Ian is needed to scope out the requirements for the venue
Action: Ian to be approached to conduct the assessment **Action** MBD and DE
- AGM Promotion **Action:** MBD will put a piece into Sleipnir.

4.2. IHSGB course attendance - refund policy.

The discussion covered the issue of refunds for course cancellations due to unforeseen circumstances. All agreed that a refund policy is needed, but also acknowledged the need for discretion in certain cases.

Action: DE to prepare course attendance refund policy and process for discussion at the next meeting

4.3. Standardised Booking Form for Society

DE proposed a standardised booking form for the society to streamline the process. It was agreed to avoid last-minute decisions and establish clear rules and budgets for future events.

4.4. Youth camp - funding/insurance/safeguarding

What have we learned to prepare for next Youth Cup and Youth Camp events regarding the process, safeguarding and insurance. Last minute decisions need to be avoided for future events with guidelines for attendees, including budgets, requirements and rules. These new guidelines on how to organise any of these events need to be placed into the Youth folder on the shared drive for easy access.

Action CE with DE and MBD

FG left the meeting at 20:34

4.5. Finance update

- Budget planning in advance of the new financial year for an in principle agreement in July. Trustees are encouraged to start thinking now. A 20 minute refresher session for everyone to understand the process at next meeting
Action DE
- Printing Costs MR came back with a new printing company and printing costs for brochures. The new company printing schedule is more flexible as it is month round which may help with the scheduling. Newsletter costs and brochure costs have been already provided.
- MR will be working on the illustration for the 40th Anniversary Celebration.

5. Comms – LF

5.1. BC's

- Display banners - committee needs to approve the content. There is a 3 or 4 day turnaround and they need to be ready for the BC's.
Feedback required on display banner content **Action:** All Trustees
- Sponsorship/company support - on going. Mostly with goods and services rather than cash. Looking at advertising on our website. Charity Law needs to be considered and legal advice is being sought **Action LF**
- Kramer supporting the BCs and also the Scottish open

5.2. Webinars - Work pressure has delayed speaker engagement for these but will be targeted for the winter season

6. Breeding & Studbook – EB

6.1. Hosting a FEIF conference See 3.7

6.2. Breeding assessment/ clinic

- Date is not yet set to complete the assessment as the assessor (Tom) does not have any time until Autumn 2025.
- Information A.I. coverings will go into Sleipnir
- FEIF Breeding leaders are meeting later this week will help with ongoing projects

7. Education - JA

7.1. Courses

- Sandy Carson course in April was a success.

- Baldvin Ari Gudlaugsson (Baddie) his flights have been booked and all going ahead

7.2. IT hosting for IHSGB, and therefore it's likely that we will have to pay for it again soon. It is anticipated that the new 'host' will contact Ian at some point. no progress thus far

7.3. Meeting with Shetland (with CE-Youth)

There are 13 riders under the age of 18

■ Event Ideas

- Organise trainers and competitions. These could be virtual
- A summer camp at the end of June, July and August with the 20 horses

■ Membership Ideas

- Need to consider different types of membership for under 21s.
- Annual Youth sponsorship

■ Ideas for under 12s were discussed

These included:

Pony Star awards

Worksheet or theory that is icelandic specific

Webinar for young youth members

Action: Proposals to be worked on and presented to the Trustees JA

8. Leisure – MBD

8.1. Icey Gymkhana- LF 28 people have signed up and a FB page has been set up for competitors. Invitations will be sent to manatees to join .

8.2. IHSGB Spring Camp MBD

- Demonstration and a talk by Marie Brittendon with her rocky mountain horse

- Looking for another venue for IHSGB events.

- Two people have come forward to say they have more confidence to enter the BCs

8.3. Monmouthshire Show Sunday 17th August- FP - no further information

9. Sport – FP

9.1 British Championship planning update.

- Vaccination requirements for horses - will follow the FEI rules. This will be reminded at the webinar scheduled for 7th May.
- Catering is work in progress with CE and LF. All ideas are welcome
- Bonus event A and Sport B on Friday is an open competition, starting at 4 pm for around 1.5 hrs. Entry fees as per 2024. Aston le Walls have introduced fees for paddocks which is half of the stable fee at £20 per night
- Pace test Friday evening and the Speed Test will be on Saturday in order to conform to FEIF starting restrictions.
- On the lookout for other venues other than Aston le Walls

9.2 WC's nothing has changed since the last meeting.

- FP reminded the manatees that there will be few UK participants this year due to the distance and cost.
- Selection committee will be for the World Championships GB team
Kirsty Carson
Ann Winter
Fi Pugh
- The Young rider trophy for the WC GB Team still needs to be sorted out .
Action FP to ask Andrew Nickalls
- Qualification Scores will be discussed at the upcoming seminar
- Our interest in attending the WCs has been registered .

FP left the meeting at 19.52

10. Youth – CE Apologies given

See 7.3 and 7.4

11. Membership Administration - HA

Nothing to update

12. Sleipnir Newsletter Editor- MR

Plea for articles please - for the formatting and proofreading

Proofreader list to be provided by JA

13. AOB

FG proposed a new approach for welcoming new trustees, suggesting a series of small group meetings to introduce them to the team and share knowledge. This idea was well received.

Action: Induction plan proposal will be discussed in the future

14. Date & Type/Venue of next Trustees meeting –

Monday 2nd June at 19.30. GMT

Trustees & Management team Zoom Meeting

Reminder

Newsletter

May 15 (publication: June)

August 17 (publication: late August)

November 10 (publication: early December, Christmas edition)

Schedule

Meeting concluded at 21.31

Link to the Task Spreadsheet

[Manatees Task spreadsheet](#)