

FLUGNIR ICELANDIC HORSE ASSOCIATION OF THE MIDWEST CONSTITUTION

Mission Statement

“To preserve the uniqueness and integrity of the Icelandic Horse”.

Article I

Name and Object

The name of the Association shall be Flugnir Icelandic Horse Association of the Midwest (FIHAM), and its objectives shall be to promote the Icelandic Horse breed, educate its membership about the breed, and provide an environment of support for owners and riders wherein they can enjoy the talents and characteristics of the Icelandic Horse. These objectives will be conducted in accordance with FEIF, and the USIHC as the member association of FEIF in the United States.

Article II

Membership

SECTION 1:

There are five (5) classes of membership: Individual Adult, Individual Youth, Family, Associate or Honorary. Only USIHC Adult members in good standing who are entitled to vote in the USIHC are eligible to be full voting members of this Association. In accordance with the USIHC, USIHC members who join more than one Chapter can be a full voting member in only one Chapter. Youth membership is open to individuals who have not reached their 18th birthday at the beginning of the current year. The Associate membership (non-voting) therefore is open to USIHC members voting in another Chapter, and non-USIHC members. Honorary memberships pertain to individuals who are invited to become members. All members must meet the following requirements:

- a) Must be committed to preserving the Icelandic Horse, and
- b) Must be interested in furthering the aims of this chapter Association in accordance with the Mission Statement, Objectives, and the Constitution.

Article III
Dues

SECTION 1:

New members may join the Association at any time during the year. New membership applications received after October 19th automatically become members for the following year.

The annual dues for members renewing their membership shall be payable by January 1st of the current year. Any member failing to renew their membership within sixty (60) days shall cease to be a member of the Association, unless an extension of payment is extended by the Board of Directors due to extenuating circumstances. Such extensions shall not exceed a period of thirty (30) days

SECTION 2:

Annual dues are as follows:

a) INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP (1 vote)	\$25
b) INDIVIDUAL YOUTH (non-voting)	\$20
c) FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (2 votes)	\$45
d) ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (non-voting)	\$25
e) HONORARY MEMBERSHIP (Invited members or thru a marketing campaign)	\$1
f) FARM LISTING (automatic listing in newsletter, Flugnir brochure and on website – non-voting)	\$45

Article IV
Board of Directors

SECTION 1:

The Board of Directors must be members of the United States Icelandic Horse Congress.

SECTION 2:

The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Association and shall determine all questions of policy which may arise during the interval between regular meetings; accept and discipline members; prepare the budget; and approval all disbursements.

SECTION 3 :

The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) members. Only Flugnir members in good standing shall be allowed to serve on the Board.

At the first annual meeting in 2005, three members of the Board of Directors shall have terms of two (2) years and three members of the Board of Directors shall have terms of (1) year. At the expiration of initial term of office of each member of the Board of Directors, a successor shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years. Each year the Membership shall elect three (3) Directors to fill the offices of those Directors whose terms shall expire.

SECTION 4 :

Each new Board shall meet following the election to elect the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer to serve as Officers for the coming year.

SECTION 5:

The Board of Directors may fill a vacancy in any office or on the Board of Directors occurring for any reason whatsoever. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall remain an officer or a Director until the next election year.

SECTION 6:

At all meetings of the Board of Directors, two-thirds (2/3) of its members shall constitute a quorum. A quorum shall be necessary at any Board of Directors to transact business.

SECTION 7:

The Board of Directors shall meet regularly at least four (4) times a year and at such other times as may be designated by the President.

SECTION 8:

Directors and officers must attend at least two meetings a year.

Article V
Elections

SECTION 1:

In the year prior to an election year, the membership will be notified of the upcoming election and requests for nominations will be made. All nominees considered for election, as Directors shall be current members in good standing with Flugnir. Responses will be directed to a Nomination Committee comprising of two members appointed by the President. A Director chosen by the Board will prepare an electronic ballot form detailing those standing for re-election and new nominees together with a written statement from each candidate-signifying acceptance of their nomination and a personal bio. The ballot forms will be sent to the membership via email and counted electronically. No additional nominations shall be permitted. The chosen Director, who prepared the ballots, will report the election results to the standing Board. In the event of a dispute brought to the attention of the board, a committee of three members, not on the Board and in good standing, appointed by the Board, will be formed to perform a recount and if necessary perform a new election.

Article VI
Officers

SECTION 1:

The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The same person shall not be Secretary and Treasurer.

SECTION 2:

The President presides over all meetings, is responsible for conducting decorum at all meetings, and is the primary spokesperson for the Association. The President performs such other duties and functions usually in conformity with the office of President.

SECTION 3:

The Vice-President shall preside over meetings and conduct decorum in the absence of the President.

SECTION 4:

The Treasurer will keep the financial records of the Association, collect dues, and report expenses on a quarterly basis. Treasurer will present for approval by the board all monies over the sum of \$1000 (one-thousand dollars). The Treasurer will receive, deposit, and disburse all monies for the Association, maintain an accurate accounting of all financial transactions and submit a written report of all financial activity for presentation at the Annual Meeting each year.

SECTION 5:

The Secretary will keep accurate records of every meeting, submit an agenda for the subsequent meetings and also act as public relations delegate. The Secretary will also be the Co-Chairman of the Membership Committee.

Article VII
Meetings

SECTION 1:

Regular meetings, in either person or via telephone conference, will take place quarterly.

SECTION 2:

The order of business at all meetings shall be as follows:

- a) The qualifying of members present for a quorum;
- b) The reading of the Minutes of the last meeting;
- c) The report from the Secretary;
- d) The report from the Treasurer;
- e) Reports from Standing Committees;
- f) Reports from Special Committees;
- g) Unfinished business; and
- h) New business.

SECTION 3:

An Annual Meeting will take place at a designated and appropriate event and the membership must be notified at least 30 days in advance. Annual meetings will qualify if a quorum is present consisting of either ten (10) members in good standing if our voting membership is less than fifty (50), or fifteen (15) members in good standing if our voting membership is fifty (50) or greater. A quorum shall be necessary at any Annual Meeting to transact business.

Article VIII Standing Committees

SECTION 1:

There shall be the following Standing Committees:

- a) Membership Committee (Secretary and Treasurer)
- b) Events (Treasurer and one Director; a member(s) may be appointed to participate in this Committee.
- c) Breed Demonstration Committee (Director and USIHC representative)
- d) Public Relations and Publicity Committee (President, Vice-President and acting Newsletter Editor)

SECTION 2:

The Standing Committees will become effective the first meeting following an Election, and will continue until the next Election. Committee members may be changed by the President as appropriate.

Article IX Rules of Order

SECTION 1:

“Robert’s Rules of Order” shall be the parliamentary authority for matters of procedure not specifically provided for by the Constitution.

Article X
Amendments

SECTION 1:

Amendments of the foregoing Constitution must be adopted by the full Board of Officers and Directors until it is deemed that the Constitution is fully developed and working in conjunction with the USIHC by-laws regarding Chapter Associations.

Article XI
Dissolution

SECTION 1:

If for any reason this Association should terminate, all monies remaining in the Treasury after dissolution shall be donated to a non-profit organization for use in matters relating to the Icelandic Horse breed.

Article XII
Indemnification

SECTION 1:

Each officer, director and committee member of FIHAM shall be indemnified by the club against all costs, expenses and liabilities reasonably incurred in connection with, or resulting from, any action, suit or proceeding to which he/she may be made a party by reason of him or her being or having been a director, officer or committee member of the club, except in relation to matters which have been occasioned by the willful misconduct or dishonesty of such officer, director or committee member.

Article XII
Communication

SECTION 1:

Electronic communication by way of video conferencing, website, email, or board approved social medium will be deem appropriate as a mechanism initiating communication, approval, or the like with the board. Likewise, electronic surveys, polls, and website forms to solicit and gather information considered viable by the current FIHAM board of directors.

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BY-LAWS

The By-Laws of the Association shall be the same as above, beginning with Article II and continuing through Article XII, with such amendments and additions shall be voted on hereafter.