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# Icelandic Horse Society of Great Britain Ltd BoT Meeting + Management

## Meeting minutes Monday 10th November 2025 On-line

**Trustees & Management.**

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

The Minutes were written up by Sabrina Chetcuti

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### 1. Opening and Apologies

MB welcomed all to the meeting. **Apologies** None

### 2. Minutes of last meetings & Matters Arising

2.1. Are there any amendments to the minutes not already raised? **None**

2.2. Is the Board of Trustees willing to accept the minutes of the last meeting as reflective of discussions and decisions made? **Accepted**

2.3. Review of actions from previous meetings will be covered in the following agenda. Details listed in the Action list – copy the following link.

Manatees Task spreadsheet

### 3. Chair's Update – MBD

3.1. AGM

- The meeting focused on preparations for the upcoming AGM, including logistics, presentation formats, and the reorganisation proposal.

- Actions Agreed
  - Ian Pugh to organize the Zoom for the AGM and handle the voting system
  - All to send PowerPoint presentations to Ian for the AGM
  - All to keep presentations to 3-5 minutes maximum
  - DE to provide £100 donation to the horse museum In lieu of venue cancellation ( to claim on expenses)
  - Adjust the AGM agenda to focus on the 40th anniversary before addressing the reorganisation as agreed.
  - The reorganisation proposal is to facilitate a staged Q&A session by some Manatees DE, EB and FG plus Mike Adams. Separate meeting to be convened to discuss details.
  - The next BoT meeting in December will dedicate some time to planning and communication strategies for the reorganisation proposal, including a webinar schedule and responsibilities.
  - The potential of the upcoming EGM at WHW in February (Glenda Spooner)
    ACTION EB to check availability
    It may also provide an opportunity to have a 'Day of the Icelandic Horse' was explored with FG suggesting it could be a good opportunity to promote the breed and society and attract new members. The importance of planning the event with professionally printed materials and promotional strategies to maximize its impact was highlighted.
  - Prepare membership welcome packs for the Glenda Spooner event Action HA

3.2. Planning Day

- The planning day has been postponed until January, the date to be confirmed

3.3. 40th Anniversary logo to be used with AGM presentation. Promotional items for IHSGB 40th year potentially including badges, pens and fridge magnets. Action FP to check badge stock

Agreed

## 4. Finance-DE

4.1. **Course Fees to be increased to £250 to non-members and £175 for members** reflecting what it costs IHSGB to subsidise members.

4.2. Tolt- on-line prices to be increased to £15 for members and non-members £18. Increases agreed by trustees

4.3. Trustees agreed to improve marketing efforts to attract new members and better communicate the society's financial support for courses and activities. Promoting membership value needed to be more effective.

- Create a professionally printed membership value document to include in membership packs Action HA

## 5. Communications – LF

5.1. Busy schedule proposed for members communications including AGM details, Tolt - online, Christmas challenge and Sleipnir deadline

## 6. Breeding & Studbook EB & FG

6.1. FG discussed the need to change the studbook address due to her upcoming move, with the possibility of using EB's address as a temporary solution. Given their proximity, EB will collect the post and deliver it to FB personally. On-Line Studbook form update.
ACTION FG. Update communication to members with EB's address ACTION LF

## 7. Education – JA

7.1. Jem announced an upcoming webinar on Physiotherapy scheduled for November 18th

## 8. Leisure – MBD

8.1. Christmas challenge event under review for publication shortly

8.2. Valley view venue return proposed for 2026. Agreed

## 9. Sport – FP

9.1. Upcoming FEI conference in Budapest FP made a kind offer to self fund the flight, to help fund someone's attendance if needed

Agreed

9.2. Tolt - online update was provided. Entries are now being managed more securely by FP with IP's assistance. Regional judges to be given an opportunity to judge the entries

9.3. Concerns were raised about the lack of available venues for IHSGB sports activities following the closure of several places and the continued search for suitable places

**10. Youth – CE**

10.1. CE put in a request to provide a display at The Horse of the Year Show (HoY's). Input from other trustees will be sought to support the application.

10.2. The young rider badge system will be reviewed following feedback.

**11. Membership Administration - HA**

11.1. 29 members have been removed from the members' forum following lapsed subscriptions. 24 of of these joined the society last year having taken advantage of the special rate for registration of ownership

11.2. Challenges with aging membership and limited centres for Icelandic horse riding were discussed.

**12. Sleipnir Newsletter Editor- MR**

12.1. The deadline for Sleipnir was confirmed on November 15th. The need for timely submissions was emphasised. EB and LF to provide proofreading support for December Issue. FG for the Spring edition. Publication: early December, Christmas edition

**13. AOB**

Meeting up with other IHSGB members needs promotion

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

19.30. Monday 1st December Trustees & Management team Zoom Meeting

Agreed

Meeting closed at 20:52

Agreed

Agreed