



Icelandic Horse Society of Great Britain Ltd BoT Meeting + Management

MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY 15TH JUNE 2026 ON-LINE 7.30PM

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

1. Opening and Apologies

MB welcomed all to the meeting. **Apologies JA, HA, LF, FG, MR**

2. Minutes of last meetings & Matters Arising

- Are there any amendments to the minutes not already raised?
 - CE identified a couple of typos in the minutes and offered to send corrections directly to SC. **Completed**
- Is the Board of Trustees willing to accept the minutes of the last meeting as reflective of discussions and decisions made? **Accepted**

3. Chair's Update – MBD

- Updated GDPR Policy

Though minimal, the board reviewed and approved the updated GDPR policy, with discussion around outstanding questions and the need for a future comprehensive review. FG had prepared the update and requested the policy be published on the website before the Friday deadline. It was noted a thorough review is needed at a later stage but was not in a position to lead it due to time constraints. It was minuted that the policy review should include compliant recording and response processes. Updated GDPR policy was approved for immediate publication to meet the Friday deadline

- Youth Cup — Financial Shortfall and Process Review

A detailed discussion took place regarding the financial liability arising from two unfilled Youth Cup places and the communication breakdown that led to the situation.

- The bill (approximately €1,000 IHSGB share, split with FEIF) must be paid. Attempts to fill places with riders from other countries were unsuccessful. It was noted that IHSGB had previously confirmed in writing they wished to retain the two places, weakening any case for non-payment. It was also revealed the family had reserved two horses without informing the organisation.
- Noted that legally IHSGB may not have had an enforceable obligation given no signed liability declaration, but recommended paying in good faith to maintain good relations with FEIF.
- It was considered essential that all communications from FEIF go through IHSGB rather than directly with families.
- Also recommended FEIF introduce a formal cancellation policy.
- It was agreed that a goodwill communication would be sent to the family acknowledging the situation, confirming IHSGB will pay, and welcoming any voluntary donation.
- IHSGB response will be communicated to the FEIF president Gundula Sharman

4. Finance-DE

The board discussed the financial bottom line target for the next year and the process for submitting operational bids ahead of the MAST meeting.

- Recommended targeting a £10,000 bottom line overspend, reduced by any actual overspend this year. Emphasised that detailed budget allocation should be decided collectively at MAST, not pre-determined by the board. It was noted that a draft budget

(approximately £11,000 overspend) three weeks prior as a starting point had already been circulated .

- It was recommended all bids be collated first before prioritisation by subject area thus avoiding prejudging MAST discussion
- It was confirmed the existing member grant allowance (maximum £10 per member) remains in place and should be factored in. Stressed the importance of trustees not pre-allocating budgets by department before MAST has reviewed all bids collectively.
- **Conclusion**
 - The Board agreed to target a £10,000 bottom line overspend for the next financial year.
 - All operational leads to submit budget bids by end of month for collation ahead of the MAST meeting on 6 July.
 - Budget finalisation to be signed off by 31 July.
 - A mid-July board meeting (13 July) provisionally scheduled to rubber-stamp MAST outcomes if needed

5. **Communications - LF**

- IHSGB Leaflet(QR code)?

It was confirmed that a QR code already exists on the society's roll-up banners and can be added to the leaflet before distribution. The leaflet has been updated with all feedback received and is ready to be sent out imminently This was agreed.

Standalone QR code paper idea noted but not pursued at this stage.

Updated leaflet to be distributed to trustees imminently.

- Company Discounts/support

A comprehensive update on sponsor support, merchandise, and logistics for the British Championships was provided

- All BC logistics are confirmed and ready.
- Solid Bar Company 15% discount to IHSGB members to be published in the members' area and announced
- Merchandise order forms to be available at the BCs; t-shirts to be dispatched post-event. 40th anniversary merchandise (t-shirts and tote bags) have been produced
- Anniversary Wristbands and badges to be exchanged between IHSGB and FP at the event.

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6. Breeding & Studbook – EB (FG)

- No further update

7. Education – JA

- .No further update

8. Leisure – MBD

- Action Points in MAST

9. Sport – FP

- An update on BC entries, timetabling challenges, and overall event readiness.
 - Confirmed 21 riders and 26 horse-and-rider combinations entered.
Noted: this is one of the lowest entry numbers in recent memory, attributing it partly to the loss of other oval track venues throughout the year that previously gave riders practice opportunities.
 - Timetable nearly complete (to be published the following day), with efforts made to accommodate riders with multiple horses across two tests. Acknowledged some short turnaround times are unavoidable given class sizes.
 - Judges are confirmed. Noted she needs to coordinate with Kirsty regarding collecting Sandy from Banbury.
 - Mentioned receiving an email from a new member (Anne/Teddy Bates) offering to help at the event.
 - Confirmed Ginny (saddle stand) is also bringing Newshall Icelandic Bits for display, launching the following month. Noted interest from a judging perspective, pending confirmation of legality.
 - Weather forecast is dry and not excessively hot — considered positive.
 - Expressed significant gratitude to CE and her helpers for the substantial work done on special touches for the event.
- MEM A brief update on the upcoming Mems (World/European Championships) entry process.
 - Received information that the final entry deadline is around 20 July. Countries are expected to hold qualifiers in late June or early July, so no earlier entries are anticipated. Kirsty is monitoring the process.
 - Acknowledged travel costs and logistics make participation difficult but expressed hope that members with strong horses may wish to enter.

10. Youth – CE

○ **Youth Camp Shetland**

A brief update on planning for a potential future youth camp.

Dorothy has been contacted to obtain pricing for use of her venue and horses for a potential youth camp next year. Also seeking accommodation quotes from a nearby provider.

○ **Scottish Youth Event**

Discussion and request for approval to attend a Scottish youth event with expenses covered by the society.

Confirmed she could attend but would need travel expenses (flights and accommodation) covered under the youth budget.

- FP strongly supported attendance given the importance of growing youth participation.
- All members were in favour.

11. Membership Administrator - HA

Nothing to report

12. Sleipnir Newsletter Editor- MR Apologies

Nothing to report

13. Website- IP

Nothing to report

14. AOB

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

Monday 13th July 2026, 19.30 hours

Meeting may be conducted by email if all matters are resolved at MAST level beforehand.

Reminder requested via WhatsApp

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