

The

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Times

International Club for  
American Miniature Horses

## Foreword

Dear members,

It already has been a long time since the first ICAMH Times has arrived on your doormat. In the mean time a lot of things have happened, so time to inform you about everything.



First we had the clinic given by Debbie Mooney at the end of April 2007. We have the feeling that this was a very successful weekend. We had a nice group of people. All of them learned a lot and had a great time.

And then of course we had the Miniature Extravaganza 2007 at Frankfurt, our first official show. For the board an exciting time how everything would go, but at the end of it all we can look back at an awesome show! It was a pity that we had bad weather and of course behind the curtains some things could be organised better, but there were no complaints. We can compliment everybody, and ourselves, for this first ICAMH show ever.

And now about the board. Most of you probably already read at the ICAMH site about the resignation of Juim Fiege as our Vice-president. This was a real shock, but we understand and accept her decision and we are very grateful for everything she did for the club. More about this later on in this ICAMH Times.

For the rest, we are working on the annual members meeting of the ICAMH. Also because of the vacancies in the board, it is important we get the highest possible number of members attending this meeting. We need your support on this! More information about the vacancies in the board can be found further on in this ICAMH Times.

Furthermore, we have planned an ICAMH clinic for you with Kelly Schiks, natural veterinarian in training. This clinic presents a great opportunity to obtain some knowledge of behaviour, science of nutrition, first aid etc. based on the natural way. For more information and application, please see further down this newsletter.

We hope you all enjoy this ICAMH Times!

Kind regards,  
The board,

Roswitha Boensma, Anneke Scholte Albers, Sonja Koster

## Photos wanted!!

For everybody who has nice pictures for our website or newsletter:

*please send them to us!*

Maybe you have some nice or funny foal pictures, or photos of a nice group of horses in the field - we can use them all!

Please send your photos to the secretary of the ICAMH: [secretaris@icamh.com](mailto:secretaris@icamh.com)



## Advertising costs The ICAMH Times 2008

In case you are interested in advertising in The ICAMH Times, this is possible. Here are the costs for the year 2008:

Full page, A4 size:	€ 80 / \$120
Half page, A4 size:	€ 45 / \$ 90
Miniature advertisement (5 lines), or business card:	€ 25 / \$ 40

We would like to point you to the fact that these costs are a one time payment for the whole year. Your advertisement will be published in every issue of the ICAMH Times.

You can send your advertisement to the secretary of the ICAMH: [secretaris@icamh.com](mailto:secretaris@icamh.com).

## President's message

Dear Members of the ICAMH,

The ICAMH already exists a year, and it has been a busy period for us. One of our board members needed to resign already at the beginning of the ICAMH. Her home situation didn't allow her to spend enough time for the club. So we ended up with only 4 board members, and we just started to work hard for the club.

Last February, we got the message of the AMHA that we as a club didn't get the approval of the AMHA. They had a problem with us using the word "International" in our clubname, since they are of the opinion that the AMHA already is "International" itself. We have done a lot of negotiation with the AMHA about the club's name and in the end we decided to drop the word International. So for the AMHA our club's name is CAMH instead of ICAMH. Then we received the approval as AMHA club. Later in this newsletter you can read the letter we received of Mike Want, the President of the AMHA.

We wanted to give you the opportunity to learn about this lovely breed, so we organized a clinic given by Debbie Maestri-Mooney. This was a very positive and successful weekend, all people that joined really enjoyed themselves. This was very nice to hear.

Later this year we had the "Miniature Extravaganza 2007" which was held in Frankfurt, Germany. This was a very nice and spectacular show. Two approved shows from which one was the first approved AMHR show ever held in Europe! We were very proud of that. Surely, there were things we could have done better, but for our first show ever we had a great time. We would like to say a heartfelt *Thank You* to all the people that helped us organizing this show. We hope you will be just as helpful in the future as you have been in the past, we couldn't have done this without you guys! Thanks!

The President,  
Roswitha Boensma

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## ICAMH shows in 2008

The **Miniature Extravaganza 2008** will take place on 11th and 12th May 2008. The exact location for this show is not yet known, but it will most likely be held in the Netherlands. 11th May: AMHA show (approval will be applied for). 12th May: AMHR show.

We will also organise a **Summershow 2008** on 19th and 20th July 2008. The location for this show will be Ruitersportcentrum de Hoffmeijer at Ambt-Delden in the Netherlands. 19th July in the afternoon: AMHR show. 20th July: AMHA show (approval will be applied for).

Both shows will be organized in cooperation with the dutch studbook NMPRS.

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See "president's message", about approval of the ICAMH

## Letter Mike Want, President of the AMHA

January 24, 2007

Ms. Roswitha Boensma  
Am Nord Hang 15  
Bad Bentheim 48455  
GERMANY

Dear Ms. Boensma,

The AMHA Board of Directors reviewed the application and Bylaws for the International Club for American Miniature Horses (ICAMH) several times and the unanimous and final decision is that "International" may not be used in the name of approved American Miniature Horse Clubs. Therefore, the Board denied approval of the International Club for American Horses due to the name submitted.

The Guidelines for AMHA Local Club Approval specifically states: "The American Miniature Horse Association reserves the right to refuse approval to a club on the grounds that the Club name may confuse or mislead persons as to the nature and purpose of the Club. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be conclusive on this issue."

Although AMHA is not approving "International" in the name of the club, there is no stipulation you may not use "International" in your advertising.

You may resubmit the application with a different club name to the AMHA Office on or before February 20 and the application will be reviewed by the Board during the 2007 Annual Meeting, which is February 22-25, 2007.

Thank you for understanding this ruling.

Sincerely,

Mike Want  
AMHA President

## Resignation Juim

As could be read in the foreword, the ICAMH vice president Juim Fiege has resigned as a member of the board. Below, the personal message she wrote us when she resigned:

### *Resignation*

*It is with deep regret that I tender my resignation as a member of the board of the ICAMH. After much consideration, I have come to the conclusion that in the interest of my own health, and also the reputation of the ICAMH, it would be best that I am no longer a member of the board.*

*We have worked very hard to get to the point where we are now and I do not want my name or my position on the board to damage the reputation of the club. I will remain involved with the club and will support it in any way I can. I want only the best for the club, thus the reason I have come to this decision.*

*It is my hope that in the future there will come a time when I am again able to serve the club in a higher capacity. For now, I feel that this is best for myself and for the club.*

*Juim*

### *Thank you!*

*The ICAMH very much regrets, yet respects, the decision that Juim Fiege has made to resign off the board. Juim has done her utmost to erect the club and lead it to where it is today.*

*The most recent ICAMH event, the Miniature Extravaganza 2007, would not have been as successful as it was if it hadn't been for Juim's enthusiasm to get it off the ground, her never ending efforts to gather sponsors from all around the world for the show and the club, and all the time and dedication that she put into its organization.*

*There's no way to say Thank You adequately, but to go on and make the International Club for American Miniature Horses flourish in the way Juim as founder saw before her even when the club was only just an idea crossing her mind...*

*Juim, without you there wouldn't even have been an ICAMH – thank you so much for all you have done for this club, with the interest of the American Miniature Horse at heart!*

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## ICAMH Times

As we would like to publish The ICAMH Times 4 times a year, we ask for your help.

Are there any members who are willing to help us with this newsletter? We would prefer to install a committee to take over the production of The Times from the board.

The Times is published in dutch and in english, so some knowledge of the language is needed.

Interested? Please contact us at: [secretaris@icamh.com](mailto:secretaris@icamh.com).

## Annual members meeting ICAMH

Hereby we would like to invite you for this meeting on the 19th of January 2008. The meeting will start at 19.00 hours. It will be held at the home of the Family Marsch/Scholte Albers at the Hondemotsweg 8, 8101 NJ in Raalte, the Netherlands.

Because of the limited accommodation space we would like to ask you to give us a notice if you like to join us. Please contact Anneke Scholte Albers: [penningmeester@icamh.com](mailto:penningmeester@icamh.com).

### Agenda

1. Welcome.
2. Year report secretary.
3. Report financial auditing committee.
4. Election new financial auditing committee 2008.
5. Financial year report.
6. Approval year report and auditing committee. Decharge of the board.
7. Goodbye Juim Fiege as ICAMH board member.
8. New board members (see explanation below):  
Vice president: with the advise of the board Sonja Koster.  
Secretary: with the advise of the board Claudia Vermeulen.  
Fifth board member: with the advise of the board Barbara Wahl.
9. Installation new board members.
10. Proposal introduction point system for amateur/prof classes (see explanation below).
11. Incoming mail.
12. Question round.
13. Closing.

### 8. New board members

With Juim's resignation, the ICAMH board has two vacancies.

The governing board now consists of three members, which is the minimum as stated in article 8 of the club's Bylaws. The current three committee members feel it would absolutely to the club's benefit to see their number increase to five, and are therefore looking for persons who are willing to take the position of secretary or general board member of the International Club for American Miniature Horses.

Everybody who might be interested in a position on the ICAMH board is kindly invited to contact one of the committee members, Roswitha Boensma, Sonja Koster or Anneke Scholte Albers, without hesitation.

In the mean time, the board has been in contact with Claudia Vermeulen and with Barbara Wahl. Both ladies are enthusiastic about joining the ICAMH board. Claudia would like to be the new secretary and Barbara would like to fulfill the vacancy as fifth board member of the ICAMH.

The board of the ICAMH supports this and without any other candidates these two ladies will be elected at the coming members meeting of the ICAMH on the 19th of January 2008.

## 10. Proposal introduction point system amateur/prof classes

For equal chances in future shows, we have thought about introducing a point system.

One is an amateur when you have no or hardly any experience in showing. But when is one a prof? That is a tricky question, that has lead to several discussions in the board. Therefore we do the following proposal:

Point system:

When you win an amateur or open halter class, you earn 2 points. When you are in second place in these classes, you earn 1 point.

These points are only when a minimum participation of 4 horses per class. With 3 horses, only the first place will have 1 point.

15 points means end of the amateurstatus and for the next show you can then only participate in the open classes. So this means that the handler is awarded the points, not the horse.

In order to keep your amateurstatus, you may start in the open classes only in case you also start in the amateur classes.

After obtaining the first amateur points, you are obligated to show the following years in the amateurclasses with the ICAMH, or you will loose your amateurstatus.

A request in special cases to be put back in amateurclass can be sent in writing to the board.

We request the members to think about this. When you have another idea or proposal, please let us know!



## **Clinic with Kelly Schiks**

*natural veterinarian in training*

This clinic presents a great opportunity to obtain some knowledge of behaviour, science of nutrition, first aid etc. based on the natural way.

The clinic's instructor is Kelly Schiks, she is 26 years of age and in the final year of her study for natural veterinarian.

Languages: english and dutch.

### ***When and where***

This clinic will be held on 9th February 2008. The day starts at 9.00 hours and will end at 17.00 hours.

It will be held at the home of Claudia Vermeulen, Hoge Zeedijk 22, 4765 BM Zevenbergschenhoek, the Netherlands.

### ***Stay***

There is a possibility to bring a horse with you, please contact Claudia about this. In case you want to stay overnight, there are some hotels nearby, ask Claudia.

Claudia can be contacted by e-mail: [Falabell@xs4all.nl](mailto:Falabell@xs4all.nl) or by telephone: 0031 648174720.

### ***Fee and application***

The fee for this clinic is 50 euro (non-members 65 euro), including lunch and coffee/tea.

Application: before 3rd February with Claudia Vermeulen, [Falabell@xs4all.nl](mailto:Falabell@xs4all.nl).

Upon application, please transfer 50 euro (65 euro for non-members) into bank account: IBAN NL71 RABO 0122 0658 08, BIC RABONL2U, for the ICAMH, Beukenlaan 3, 7931 TG Fluitenberg, the Netherlands.



## Sponsoring

*Wonderful opportunity for long lasting promotion by sponsoring of a jump*

It's one of the ICAMH's goals to try and offer more than just halter classes during the coming show seasons. For that, jumps are needed. And to buy them, we need money.

That's why we want to offer you the opportunity for sponsoring a jump. That way, you are assured of a very nice way of promotion at the ICAMH shows for at least 5 years.

What will this all cost?

One whole jump costs € 500 / \$ 750

Half of a jump costs € 250 / \$ 375

Quarter of a jump costs € 125 / \$ 190

One whole jump will have your own handed in advertising material on all 4 stands.

Half a jump will show your advertising material on 2 stands at one side.

A quarter of a jump means that you will be able to advertise on 1 stand at one side of the jump.

For more information, please contact the ICAMH president at [voorzitter@icamh.com](mailto:voorzitter@icamh.com).



*This really is an excellent chance for longlasting advertising - don't miss it!*

## Sponsorship packages show season 2008

Especially for you, the ICAMH again has developed an attractive array of sponsorship opportunities and advertising possibilities. These enable you to enjoy an event to the fullest and support it at the same time.

You have the choice between several opportunities, which you can find below.

For any questions or special requests, the ICAMH treasurer can be contacted: Anneke Scholte Albers, [penningmeester@icamh.com](mailto:penningmeester@icamh.com).

\* *Your advertisement, logo, or web banner needs to be handed in as made-up .jpg file.*

\* *Your ringbanner needs to be handed in ready for use.*

**Diamond Sponsor :**

€ 175 / \$ 265

- Sponsor of the Supreme Championship
- Your full color advertisement\* full page on the catalogue cover
- Your banner\* in the showring
- If applicable, 2 free entry tickets to the show grounds and a free parking ticket
- Your banner\* on the ICAMH website for a whole year

**Platinum Sponsor :**

€ 130 / \$ 185

- Sponsor of a championship
- Your full color advertisement\* full page in the catalogue
- Your banner\* in the showring
- If applicable, 2 free entry tickets to the show grounds and a free parking ticket
- Your banner\* on the ICAMH website for a whole year

**Gold Sponsor :**

€ 90 / \$ 135

- Sponsor of a championship
- Your full color advertisement\* half page in the catalogue
- Your banner\* in the showring
- Your banner\* on the ICAMH website for a whole year

**Silver Sponsor :**

€ 75 / \$ 115

- Sponsor of a class
- Your black/white advertisement\* full page in the catalogue
- Your banner\* in the showring
- Your banner\* on the ICAMH website for a whole year

**Bronze Sponsor :**

€ 50 / \$ 75

- Your black/white advertisement\* half page in the catalogue
- Your banner\* in the showring

**Class Sponsor :**

€ 25 / \$ 37.50

- Your name and website address, if any, will be published in the catalogue with the relevant class.

**Advertising in the catalogue\* :**

Advertisement full color on the catalogue cover :	€ 150 / \$ 225
Full page full color :	€ 75 / \$ 115
Half page full color :	€ 50 / \$ 75
Full page black/white :	€ 50 / \$ 75
Half page black/white :	€ 35 / \$ 55
Banner business card size black/white :	€ 20 / \$ 30

## Report meeting AMHA in Leusden, 28/11

Mike Want and Wayne G. Hipsley have been visiting Europe in the last few weeks. On the 28th November 2007, they came to Leusden, the Netherlands. There have been several meetings in different parts of Europe, since the AMHA wants to hear from its European members and wants to start working with them. In the past, the Europeans were forgotten about and not taken seriously, but this is something the AMHA really wants to do differently in the future.

During this evening there have been a lot of subjects we've talked about. One of them accorded some changes of regulations in the AMHA rulebook, since it is almost impossible for Europeans to follow all the rules, especially for the approved shows. This is something we also ask your attention for: if you have any suggestions, please speak them out towards us so that we can do something with it.

The AMHA is also planning to start giving funds in the future, starting already in 2008. These funds will be used for sending judges to Europe for judging approved shows and for giving clinics. It's our goal as a club to start organizing more approved shows so that we can use these funds and offer more to our members. The AMHA would send judges and pay for their travel and hotel. The organizing club would however have to pay the judges fee. This offer would make organizing a show or clinic easier, and our club can use all the financial support there is.

The major part of the evening was used to talk about the support that the AMHA wants to give to its European members in the future.

There is also spoken about the directors that are in Europe at this moment. The AMHA's opinion is that it would be better to have 1 head-director with regional directors in every country. This head-director could then be delegated to the Annual Meeting of the AMHA in the USA. This way Europe's voice would be heard and we would have a vote at these meetings.

The measuring of the horses has also been a big issue. We all know that methods are being used to cheat with the measuring of the horses at the last hair of the main. This is something that regrettably happens a lot, since it is so easy to manipulate this way of measuring. At this meeting, people were asked to raise hands if they wanted to change the way of measuring to the measuring on the horse's withers, and most people that were present voted in favour of the measuring on the horse's withers.

Because of this discussion we have also talked about a possible future B-division, especially since there are lots of oversized horses these days. In this discussion we have noticed that this is also an issue in the USA, but nothing concrete has been said about this by the gentlemen of the AMHA.

The hardshipping of horses is also a fairly hot item. In the USA it is still possible to hardship horses into the AMHA, but not for the people from Europe. This is so because there is no approved director to come and check the horses and measure them. Several questions have been asked about hardshipping but no answers were given. However, Mike Want promised to think it all over.

Looking back at this evening, I think we had a successful evening and a successful meeting. Especially we as the ICAMH have a good feeling about the cooperation with the AMHA. This way, we as a club shall be able to have a bigger meaning for you as members, simply because with the support of the AMHA we can do and offer you more than we have been able to do up till now.

It will all take time, and we still have a long way to go, but we're on the right track!



We wish  
you a  
happy  
and  
healthy  
2008!

We hope to  
meet you all  
again in the  
new year!

### *Please make a note in your diary:*

- 19th January 2008: annual meeting ICAMH in Raalte, the Netherlands
- 9th February 2009: clinic with Kelly Schriks, natural veterinarian in training
- 11/12th May 2008: Miniature Extravaganza 2008
- 19/20 July 2008: Summershow