

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THE INDIANA STANDARD BRED ASSOCIATION
Monday, March 2, 2026
ISA Office, Greenfield, Indiana**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President, John DeLong, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Directors present were ISA President John DeLong, 1st Vice President Robert Taylor, 2nd Vice President Doug Rideout, ISA Secretary Zach Miller, ISA Treasurer Rhys Helt, Chad Clark, Ernie Gaskin, Jay Hochstetler, Carrie Hollman, Jamie Macomber, Daryl Miller, Jason Miller, John Merkel and James Yoder. Lisa Krise, Accounts Manager, Kristi Collett, ISA Office Manager, Tony Renz, ISA Executive Director, Roger Young, ISA Attorney and ISA Lobbyists Matt Norris and Adam Kallick were also present. Director Joe Essig, Jr. and ISA Lobbyist Mike McDaniel were not present. Guest present: Tammy Knox

III. MEETING AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 2, 2026

Motion by Carrie Hollman to approve the Minutes of the February 2, 2026 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Zach Miller. Motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES February 1, 2026 to March 1, 2026.

Motion by Doug Rideout to approve Account Expenditures from February 1, 2026 to March 1, 2026. John Merkel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. ISA LOBBYIST REPORTS

Adam Kallick and Matt Norris each gave updates on the recent legislative session, which was completed last week. President John DeLong noted his appreciation for the recognition horse racing got during the session, as well as the new people they connected with at the statehouse. He noted that racing is mentioned in all the right spots moving forward. John said the hope is to schedule another legislative day in 2026 at one of the area farms to give those in the statehouse an inside look into racing and its impact on the state. Matt Norris explained that next year is a budget yet and will be more robust with gaming discussion as a result. Tony Renz thanked the lobbyists for their hard work for the ISA during the legislative session.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. BACKSIDE HEALTH CARE/EMERGENCY BENEFIT – Jay Hochstetler

Jay Hochstetler reported that the Clinic is doing fine and that Chiropractor will begin Saturday, March 14.

Zach Miller made a Motion to make a \$500 emergency benefit payment to a horseman that had an accident, contingent on him being a member of the ISA. Jay Hochstetler seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

- b. BACKSIDE IMPROVEMENTS/RCFAC UPDATE – Robert Taylor

Robert Taylor gave a brief update on backstretch improvements and projects completed.

- c. BREEDERS/OWNERS/SALES – Jamie Macomber

Jamie Macomber explained the recent change made by the Indiana Standardbred Breed Development changing the verbiage to Indiana Sired only and dropping Indiana Sired and Bred (ISB). This affects listings for the sales catalogs. Jamie said that Breed Development will now only list foals as Indiana Sired beginning for horses born in 2025. The Board spoke about allowing all Indiana Sired foals beginning in 2027 to compete in the Elite Series, as long as they meet all eligibility requirements for starts on the ISFC. She reported that Jessica Barnes reiterated that breeders of horses born outside of Indiana will not be eligible for breeders' awards and only horses born in the State of Indiana will be eligible.

d. BUDGET/FINANCE – Rhys Helt

Rhys Helt gave an updated on the potential of placing membership renewals online and is continuing to check on vendors with the lowest fees to members. ISA Accounts Manager, Lisa Krise, reported the annual audit is going well and included the year end expense report in the packet.

e. COLLEGE ASSISTANCE – Zach Miller – No report.

f. COMMISSION RELATIONS – Tony Renz

Tony Renz reported that a meeting was set this Thursday, but will most likely be moving the meeting to next Thursday.

g. FAIR RACING – Doug Rideout

Doug Rideout reported on the Indiana Sired Fair Circuit and brought a proposal to the Board for approval to hire James Witherite of Michigan to provide videography for all ISFC races this summer. He said that they will combine race days for viewing when two fairs are running simultaneously and will potentially offer commercial time between races.

Jason Miller made a Motion to hire James Witherite to do the fair race videos for the 2026 fair race season in an amount up to \$32,000, which will be split with Breed Development. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony Renz also reported that the ISA has again been awarded a USTA grant for \$5,000 which will be applied to the cost of the videography.

Doug Rideout made a Motion to offer 30 second ads for the full season during the fair racing videos in the amount of \$500 and still spot ads in the amount of \$250. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony Renz spoke to the Board about purchasing yard signs for the ISFC races in partnership with Breed Development. Zach Miller made a Motion for the ISA to pay for the yard signs for the ISFC fair race counties to be split with Breed Development with the ISA's portion being up to \$1,000. Jason Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

h. GRANTS- Zach Miller

Zach Miller reported that the ISA grant application packets went out and are due March 15, 2026. The Grant Committee will meet at 4:00 p.m. before the April 6th board meeting.

i. MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTIONS – Carrie Hollman

Carrie Hollman reported the ISA has 442 members to date.

Carrie provided samples of toboggans and hats that will be provided to the horsemen this season. She said that toboggans will hopefully be passed out soon in the paddock at Hoosier Park.

Tony Renz spoke to the Board regarding the sponsorship of the FFA Booth at the National FFA Convention in the fall. The booth will once again be in partnership with the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association, HHYF and the USTA. Tony reported that booth space has increased and they plan to downsize the booth to offset the cost increase.

Ernie Gaskin made a Motion for the ISA to spend up to \$1,000 on the booth space for the FFA Convention. Rhys Helt seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony also gave an update on the annual golf outing at Grandview on June 1 at 1:00 p.m. (lunch at Noon) with the cost of \$30.00 per person for approximately 60 golfers. This event will be partnered with Hoosier Park. Jay Hochstetler made a Motion for the ISA to spend approximately \$1,800 for the golf event, with Hoosier Park paying half of the cost. Jamie Macomber seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

The Board also made the decision to move the June 1 Board Meeting to June 8 due to the golf outing event. John DeLog also mentioned that the July and August meetings were changed due to fair race dates.

j. PARI-MUTUEL- John DeLong.

John DeLong gave a report on the purse account showing the account is better in comparison to 2025. He also noted that there are some purse increases in targeted races and said other conditions could see an increase as well. He also received a report from Gabe Prewitt with details on the cancellation of racing Friday, February 27 due to a malfunction of equipment in the audio-visual department with sending out the signal. He

said the track is working on repairs and replacement of the equipment before racing resumes Thursday, March 5. John also explained per the contract with Hoosier Park, each horse who was scheduled to race, and did not scratch, received \$300 following the cancellation after Race 6 last Friday. The remainder of the purse money will go back into the account.

k. PUBLICATIONS/WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA-Jay Hochstetler

Jay Hochstetler gave an update and said the new website is almost ready to launch. Tony Renz said that John Adamsky is adjusting a few things for the mobile option of the website and hopes to have everything ready to go in the next few weeks.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Tony Renz concluded the meeting with showing the recent video done by Hoosier Park for the presentation to the Hambletonian Society to get the Hambletonian for a three-year commitment beginning in 2027. The Society is set to meet in Florida in March.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next ISA meeting will be held on Monday, April 6, 2026 at the ISA Office, Greenfield, Indiana.

VII. ADJOURNMENT.

Zach Miller made a Motion to adjourn. Jason Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kristi Collett, Office Manager