

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THE INDIANA STANDARD BRED ASSOCIATION
Tuesday, April 7, 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, 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 and ISA Lobbyists Matt Norris and Adam Kallick were also present. Directors Joe Essig, Jr. and Chad Clark, ISA Lobbyist Mike McDaniel and ISA Attorney Roger Young were not present. Guests present: Bill Gira, Patti Gira and Grace McGuire.

III. MEETING AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 2, 2026

Motion by Doug Rideout to approve the Minutes of the March 2, 2026 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Zach Miller. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Doug Rideout to approve Account Expenditures from March 1, 2026 to April 1, 2026. Jason Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. ISA LOBBYIST REPORTS

Adam Kallick and Matt Norris each gave legislative updates and Adam Kallick introduced his new employee, Grace McGuire. Matt gave a brief report on the potential new casino in Ft. Wayne and said a dinner scheduled on Monday to meet with a potential buyer.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. BACKSIDE HEALTH CARE/EMERGENCY BENEFIT – Jay Hochstetler – No report.

- b. BACKSIDE IMPROVEMENTS/RCFAC UPDATE – Robert Taylor

Robert Taylor gave a brief update on backstretch improvements and projects completed, including repairing of water lines, concrete repairs in the wash basin and new wash bay tanks and asphalt.

- c. BREEDERS/OWNERS/SALES – Jamie Macomber

Jamie Macomber reported that they have received 310 entries so far for the Midwest Standardbred Horse Sale in October.

- d. BUDGET/FINANCE – Rhys Helt

Rhys Helt reported that the annual audit well and thanked ISA Accounts Manager, Lisa Krise, for her work on the audit. Rhys also reported on potential projects regarding the Benevolence Account.

- e. COLLEGE ASSISTANCE – Zach Miller

Zach Miller reported that the deadline for Fall 2026 College Assistance is July 15, 2026.

- f. COMMISSION RELATIONS – Tony Renz

Tony Renz reported there was a Commission Relations meeting with Hoosier Park and the Commission about 10 days ago and it went well. He said that they are still working on the blood gas topic and hope to have another meeting in 2 to 3 weeks.

- g. FAIR RACING – Doug Rideout

Doug Rideout briefly reported on the status of the new videographer for the fair races and that the ISA had again received a \$5,000 grant from the USTA to help offset some of the cost of the videographer.

Carrie Hollman made a Motion for the ISA to pay up to \$850.00 for Facebook boosts for the upcoming fair meet. Robert Taylor seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Doug Rideout made a Motion for the ISA to again pay gas mileage up to \$2,000 for the 2026 fair race meet to the Wickey Family. Zach Miller seconded the Motion.

h. GRANTS- Zach Miller

Zach Miller went over the Grant Committee's recommendations for the 2026 Fair, Equine and Promotion Grants. After all grants were discussed, a Motion was made by Carrie Hollman to approve all grants as recommended by the committee. James Yoder seconded the Motion. Motion carried. John DeLong, Jason Miller, and Zach Miller abstained from the vote.

i. MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTIONS – Carrie Hollman

Carrie Hollman reported the ISA has 703 members to date.

Carrie also reported on the upcoming ISA promotional events, including ISA Night, Friday Night Fling, Horse of the Month, Friday Night Owner's Club, 4th Grade Field Trips, Indians game, etc.

Doug Rideout made a Motion to approve \$1,500.00 per month for 5 months for t-shirts for the Horse of the Month promotion for a total of \$7,500.00. The promotion begins in May. Jamie Macomber seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Jamie Macomber made a motion for the ISA to partner with BD and HP and pay \$1,000 per month for 4 months (June – Sept) for the Friday Night Owner's Club. Robert Taylor seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Zach Miller made a Motion for the ISA to pay up to \$10,000 for a wagering partnership with Hoosier Park. Doug Rideout seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony Renz spoke to the Board regarding a Race of the Day promotion in partnership with Breed Development. The total promotion will be \$10,000 and Breed Development will be contributing \$9,000. Rhys Helt made a Motion for the ISA again to contribute \$1,000 towards the Race of the Day promotion. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony Renz spoke to the Board about a Friday Night Fling promotion which will run every Friday from July 17 through October 9 and will potentially give away a car or sport utility vehicle at the end. Breed Development and Hoosier Park will be partnering with the ISA in this promotion. Doug Rideout made a Motion for the ISA to contribute \$5,000 to the Friday Night Fling promotion. Robert Taylor seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Zach Miller made a Motion for the ISA to provide pizza for the backside on ISA Night in the amount of \$750.00. Jay Hochstetler seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Robert Taylor made a Motion for the ISA to purchase 10 \$50.00 gift cards for the ISA Night at the Races and 20 \$25.00 gift cards for the backside pizza party that same night. James Yoder seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony Renz spoke to the Board about a Fall College Night at Hoosier Park and that they would like to give away a scholarship in the amount of \$2,500.00 in partnership with Hoosier Park. Jamie Macomber made a Motion for the ISA to contribute one-half of the scholarship in the amount of \$1,250.00. Robert Taylor seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony also informed the Board that the ISA would again be doing the Speed Barn Tours at the State Fair on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Doug Rideout made a Motion for the ISA to spend up to \$2,735.00 for promotional items to be given away during the State Fair barn tours. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Ernie Gaskin spoke to the Board regarding an Assistant Trainer of the Week promotion and more information will be given at a future meeting.

j. PARI-MUTUEL- John DeLong.

John DeLong reported on the purse account, claimers, Breed Development money and other matters.

k. PUBLICATIONS/WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA-Jay Hochstetler

Jay Hochstetler reported at the new ISA website has launched and looks really good. He said that John Adamsky continues to do a great job with the ISA social media platforms and are receiving many views.

V. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next ISA meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2026 at the ISA Office, Greenfield, Indiana.

VII. ADJOURNMENT.

Zach Miller made a Motion to adjourn. Carrie Hollman seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by:
Kristi Collett, Office Manager**