

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THE INDIANA STANDARD BRED ASSOCIATION
Monday, May 4, 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 Treasurer Rhys Helt, Chad Clark, Ernie Gaskin, Jay Hochstetler, Carrie Hollman, Jason Miller and John Merkel. Lisa Krise, Accounts Manager, Kristi Collett, ISA Office Manager, Tony Renz, ISA Executive Director and ISA Lobbyists Mike McDaniel and Adam Kallick were also present. ISA Lobbyist Matt Norris, ISA Secretary Zach Miller and Directors Joe Essig, Jr., Jamie Macomber, Daryl D. Miller and James Yoder were not present. Guests present: Ray Allison from the Indiana State Fair and Tammy Knox, ISA Publicist.

III. MEETING AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 7, 2026

Motion by Carrie Hollman to approve the Minutes of the April 7, 2026 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Jason Miller. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Jay Hochstetler to approve Account Expenditures from April 1, 2026 to May 1, 2026. Robert Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. ISA LOBBYIST REPORTS

Adam Kallick updated the Board on legislative issues and noted that the upcoming primaries, especially the Senate, could see some changes.

Mike McDaniel, who has been the ISA's lobbyist for many years, addressed the Board for his last meeting. Mike will be retiring at the end of May. The ISA Board thanked Mike for his work throughout the years and presented him with an appreciation gift.

4. STATE FAIR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ray Allison, the new Executive Director of the Indiana State Fair, came to the meeting and introduced himself to the Board. Ray replaced longtime Executive Director, Cindy Hoyer, who retired in March.

Ray Allison took questions from the Board about various concerns, including stabling issues, speed barn tours, upcoming construction projects and State Fair grants which are coming due soon.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- b. BACKSIDE IMPROVEMENTS/RCFAC UPDATE – Robert Taylor

Robert Taylor gave an update on projects on the backside, noting the new tank project should be completed in the next day or so. Robert said Hoosier Park has been working on the water valve and water pressure and that they are getting bids on asphalt for the barn area driveways.

- c. BREEDERS/OWNERS/SALES – Jamie Macomber

It was reported that yearling inspections for this fall's Midwest Standardbred Horse Sale began today. Purdue Day at Kountry Lane Standardbreds is Thursday, May 7, and the Northern Indiana Yearling Speed Sale will begin accepting entries June 1 with the sale set for Monday, November 9 and Tuesday, November 10 at the Topeka Livestock Auction House.

- d. BUDGET/FINANCE – Rhys Helt

ISA Treasurer Rhys Helt provided an update on the new electronic payment system for ISA memberships and said the program is ready to launch. The ISA Office has provided flyers with QR codes for easy access to the new online payment system. There will be a \$1.80 convenience fee for all online payments.

Jay Hochstetler made a Motion to move forward with implementing the electronic payment system for ISA memberships. Carrie Hollman seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

e. COLLEGE ASSISTANCE – Zach Miller – No report.

f. COMMISSION RELATIONS – Tony Renz

John DeLong gave an update on the new blood gas machine through the Indiana Horse Racing Commission. He recommended one that has been in place at Rood & Riddle in Lexington for the past five years and will continue to work with IHRC on this project.

g. FAIR RACING – Doug Rideout

Doug Rideout noted there were 280 Elite nominations this year, up a few from the previous year. He also said the Wickey family are scheduled for seven (7) fair dates this year to provide food on the Indiana Sired Fair Circuit. Yard signs for the ISFC are also in production and will be available soon.

h. GRANTS- Zach Miller – No report.

i. MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTIONS – Carrie Hollman

Carrie Hollman reported the ISA has 796 members to date.

Carrie reported that the ISA Night was a success, with more than 140 in attendance. She also noted that they received 11 memberships during the event. Carrie said the next project for the promotions committee is Horse of the Month, featuring Little Rocket Man in May. The promotion is sponsored by Elite Nutrition. Tony Renz also noted the upcoming Friday Night Owners Club this summer.

Due to having more attendees than initially planned at ISA Night at the Races, Doug Rideout made a Motion for the ISA to pay an additional \$1,400 to cover food costs. Ernie Gaskin seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

j. PARI-MUTUEL- John DeLong.

President John DeLong noted Hoosier Park's handle has been strong so far, and they recorded their highest handle on a non-event night last Friday with more than \$1.2 million wagered. He also said Gabe Prewitt of HHP

had updated him on Fox Sports and they will have three premier shows this year, including the Dan Patch, Caesars Trotting Classic, and Hoosier Champions Night featuring Indiana Sires Stakes Finals. He also said Fox will feature HHP along with The Meadowlands on a two-track show Saturday, May 16.

Tony Renz also gave an update on the Grattan Helmet promotion and said that ISA members are still taking advantage of the initiative. So far, there have been 35-40 helmets ordered since the program was implemented last fall. The current program is scheduled to run through June, but the ISA is looking into extending it further to assist many more ISA members with highly discounted new helmets, which boosts safety measures for all participants at the track.

k. PUBLICATIONS/WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA-Jay Hochstetler

Jay Hochstetler reported that everything was going well with publications and social media. Tammy Knox reported that the May magazine was a little delayed due to an illness in the publishing company staff, but that it should go in the mail today.

V. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next ISA meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, 2026 at the ISA Office, Greenfield, Indiana.

VII. ADJOURNMENT.

Doug Rideout made a Motion to adjourn. Jay Hochstetler seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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