

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THE INDIANA STANDARD BREED ASSOCIATION
Monday, June 8, 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, Jason Miller and John Merkel. Kristi Collett, ISA Office Manager, Tony Renz, ISA Executive Director, ISA Lobbyist Matt Norris and Attorney John Young (for Roger Young) were also present. ISA Accounts Manager, Lisa Krise, ISA Lobbyist Adam Kallick and Directors Chad Clark, Joe Essig, Jr., Daryl D. Miller and James Yoder were not present. Guest present: Tammy Knox, ISA Publicist.

III. MEETING AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 4, 2026

Motion by Carrie Hollman to approve the Minutes of the May 4, 2026 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Jamie Macomber. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Zach Miller to approve Account Expenditures from May 1, 2026 to June 1, 2026. Jay Hochstetler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. ISA LOBBYIST REPORTS

ISA Executive Director made a special phone call to longtime ISA Lobbyist Mike McDaniel, who is now retired. ISA President John

Delong informed Mike that he is one of three for the latest class of inductees into the Indiana Horse Racing Association Hall of Fame.

ISA Lobbyist Matt Norris gave a short report on legislative updates and said the attention will now be placed on outreach. Matt said he hopes to host Legislative Days again at farms in Central Indiana to educate and expose legislators to the importance of horse racing.

ISA Executive Director Tony Renz noted he is currently working with Purdue on a potential economic impact study for release next year, which would provide valuable information to legislators for the importance of horse racing in the state, which affects all 92 counties.

4. APPOINT 2027 NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The 2027 ISA Nomination Committee was chosen as follows:

Zach Miller (Chair)
Jay Hochstetler
Jason Miller
Doug Rideout

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Doug Rideout made a Motion to give assistance in the amount of \$500 to a horseman and his family due to unexpected long term medical expenses for their child. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Zach Miller made a Motion to accept and sign the 2026 contract for Community Hospital for the ISA Clinic. Jay Hochstetler seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

- b. **BACKSIDE IMPROVEMENTS/RCFAC UPDATE – Robert Taylor**

Robert Taylor gave an update on projects on the backside, including water in the paddock. John DeLong said that the new blood gas machines have been ordered and will be delivered sometime towards the end of June.

- c. **BREEDERS/OWNERS/SALES – Jamie Macomber**

Jamie Macomber gave an update on the Midwest Standardbred Horse Sale set for this fall. She said they have approved over 400 yearlings and their

target is to sell 400 at this event. Discussion was held to potentially have a breeding auction with money raised to enhance current ISA initiatives.

d. BUDGET/FINANCE – Rhys Helt

ISA Treasurer Rhys Helt went over budgetary aspects for the ISA and recently met with officials at the IHRC. He has been exploring ways to capitalize on funds in the ISA budget which will not only safeguard the money, but provide a way for the money to grow, benefitting members of the ISA with long terms goals of adding more benefits to the membership, all which staying under the current guidelines and bylaws for the organization. Helt was commended for his work to place the ISA in a better fiscal position.

Rhys Helt made a Motion that the Indiana Standardbred Association Board authorize the investment of surplus Benevolence Fund balances in safe, interest-bearing accounts, consistent with the direction of the Indiana Horse Racing Commission, to preserve principal, maintain liquidity, and generate income for the benefit of Indiana horsemen. Jason Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

e. COLLEGE ASSISTANCE – Zach Miller.

Zach Miller said that the fall applications for college assistance are due July 15, 2026.

f. COMMISSION RELATIONS – Tony Renz

Tony Renz said that blood gas issues are in discussions and Rothenburg rule changes. He said he hopes to have another meeting the latter part of June.

g. FAIR RACING – Doug Rideout

Doug Rideout reported on the first week of fair races and noted that the livestream video feedback has been very good.

h. GRANTS- Zach Miller – No report.

i. MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTIONS – Carrie Hollman

Carrie Hollman reported the ISA has 877 members to date.

Carrie reported that the Friday Night Owner's Club begins Friday, June 26, at the Top of the Park from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and will have light hors d'oeuvres. She reported that Owner's Night will be held on July 31 and the ISA will be providing a dinner prepared by caterer Melvin Pierce.

Robert Taylor made a Motion for the ISA to hire Melvin Pierce to cater the ISA Owner's Night dinner at \$20 per person, for a total of \$2,400, which will be split with Hoosier Park. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Carrie also spoke to the Board regarding doing an auction on Indiana Sires Stakes Final Night to help raise money for the ISA General Fund to help with legislative issues. Carrie asked the Board to help with obtaining premium item donations for the silent auction.

Zach Miller made a Motion to pay Harness Horse Youth Foundation the sum of \$300.00 to package the trading cards to be used for the State Fair barn tours and other events. Ernie Gaskin seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Jamie Macomber made a Motion to place an ad in the Midwest Harness Report with the summer calendar for ISA/Hoosier Park events in the amount of \$650.00. Jason Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Zach Miller made a Motion to move the \$4,000 previously approved by the Board for the purchase of trading cards to a promotions grant. Doug Rideout seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony Renz gave an update on the Friday Night Fling promotion and discussed potential prizes.

Tony spoke to the Board regarding the yearly Empire of Hope donation. Jamie Macomber made a Motion for the ISA to donate \$2,500 to the Empire of Hope. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Carrie Hollman made a Motion to purchase Governor's Cup trophies for this year from Randy's Promotions in the amount of \$2,760.00. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

The ISA will again be purchasing filled backpacks for 5 boys and 5 girls to be given out as part of the Empire of Hope night. Jamie Macomber

made a Motion for the ISA to purchase 10 backpacks in an amount up to \$1,200. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Jason Miller made a Motion to hire and pay Maynard Miller to provide ice cream for 250 people on the backside on August 20, 2026 in the amount of \$1,250.00. Jay Hochstetler seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Zach Miller made a Motion to spend up to \$2,750.00 in merchandise, snacks and volunteer appreciate gifts and mileage reimbursement for Emily Dever for the Speed Barn Tours at the Indiana State Fair. Jamie Macomber seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Jamie Macomber made a Motion to extend the Grattan helmet benefit until the end of 2026. Jason Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Jamie Macomber made a Motion to have Elrod Schmucker cater two chicken dinners on the backside for July 10 and August 21 in the amount of \$2,400 per dinner. Robert Taylor seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Jamie Macomber made a Motion for the ISA to donate up to \$1,000 in prizes for a raffle in connection with the Empire of Hope to benefit the Standardbred Transition Alliance. Ernie Gaskin seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Carrie Hollman made a Motion to purchase a table at the Harvest Dinner at the Indiana State Fair in the amount of \$1,200.00. Jamie Macomber seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Zach Miller made a Motion to schedule another golf outing in the Fall in an amount up to \$2,500. Carrie Hollman seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

j. PARI-MUTUEL- John DeLong.

John DeLong gave an update on the meeting held last week, including the potential purchase of Caesars and purse updates.

k. PUBLICATIONS/WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA-Jay Hochstetler

Jay Hochstetler reported that everything was going well with publications and social media.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Tony Renz informed the Board that the ISA has received a bid to paint the ISA office/garage and stain the new porch railing. Doug Rideout made a

Motion to accept the bid of Scot Shrader in the amount of \$5,500. Jamie Macomber seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony also reported that the ISA is having issues with the current text messaging provider and that the ISA received a quote from Vozzi, who also provides the service for Hoosier Park and is considerably less expensive. Zach Miller made a Motion to sign a contract with Vozzi for an annual fee of \$3,400. Jason Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony also spoke to the Board regarding reassigning the current regional requirements for ISA Directors, which currently requires two from the northern district, two from the central district and two from the southern district. A new proposal would only require one from each district with the other positions moving to an At Large Director. The proposal will need to be voted on by the membership of the ISA and would not go in effect until 2027. Verbiage will be prepared for presentation later this year to ISA members to tweak the location requirements for the 15 member board. Jason Miller made a Motion to move forward with a vote from the ISA membership to change the current ISA By-Laws to reduce the Northern, Central and Southern Districts to 1 Director each and the remaining 12 Directors to be serve At-Large starting in 2027. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Director Jason Miller informed the Board that the State Fair grant deadline has been extended to June 19 and asked the ISA staff to send a courtesy email reminding the county fairs of the extension.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next ISA meeting will be held on Monday, July 13, 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 8:00 p.m.

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