MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THE INDIANA STANDARDBRED ASSOCIATION
Monday, July 13, 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 D. Miller, John Merkel and James Yoder. Lisa Krise, ISA Accounts Manager, Kristi Collett, ISA Office Manager, Tony Renz, ISA Executive Director, ISA Lobbyists Matt Norris and Adam Kallick and ISA Attorney Roger Young were also present. Directors Chad Clark, Joe Essig, Jr., and Jason Miller were not present.

III. MEETING AGENDA

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – June 8, 2026

   Motion by Doug Rideout to approve the Minutes of the June 8, 2026 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Zach Miller. Motion carried.

2. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES** June 1, 2026 to July 1, 2026.

   Motion by Jamie Macomber to approve Account Expenditures from June 1, 2026 to July 1, 2026. Zach Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. **ISA LOBBYIST REPORTS**

   ISA Lobbyists Matt Norris and Adam Kallick gave a report on the legislative events, including a recent event at John DeLong's farm and upcoming events with JMV at Moran's Tavern and at Robert Taylor's farm. Other legislative events discussed were the Dan Patch, Rural Caucus and the Harvest Dinner at the State Fair.

Zach Miller made a Motion for the ISA to hire Fox Gardin to cater the upcoming legislative event at Robert Taylor's farm in the amount of up to $2,000.00. Doug Rideout seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Executive Director Tony Renz reported that an all-breed meeting is set for July 23 at the ISA Office to discuss doing another economic study to be completed by mid-January.

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, including bath mats and water pressure in second paddock.

c. BREEDERS/OWNERS/SALES – Jamie Macomber

Jamie Macomber reported that sale catalogs for the Midwest Standardbred Horse Sale will be out earlier this year.

d. BUDGET/FINANCE – Rhys Helt

ISA Treasurer Rhys Helt reported that a meeting will be held soon to go over the 2027 ISA budget.

e. COLLEGE ASSISTANCE – Zach Miller.

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

f. COMMISSION RELATIONS – Tony Renz

Tony Renz reported on the Commission Relations meeting last week and gave the details on blood gases and other issues.

g. FAIR RACING – Doug Rideout

Doug Rideout reported that fair racing is going well and that Frankfort and Portland will be coming up next week. Tony Renz reported that he is working with James Witherite regarding the sound issues on the fair race livestreams.

h. GRANTS- Zach Miller – No report.

i. MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTIONS – Carrie Hollman

Carrie Hollman reported the ISA has 953 members to date.

Carrie reported that the Friday Night Owner's Club went well and had 60 people attending. Carrie also said that their committee is working on a pamphlet to help new owners. She also said that the Friday Night Fling event begins this coming Friday, July 17.

Robert Taylor made a Motion for the ISA to contribute up to $200 for the HHYF luncheon. Jay Hochstetler seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Jamie Macomber made a Motion for the ISA to purchase Elite blankets with embroidering. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Doug Rideout made a Motion for the ISA to purchase Consolation blankets for the Sire Stakes from Grand Champion Tack in amount up to $1,300.00. John Merkel seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony Renz spoke to the Board regarding Sire Stakes gifts, including blankets, chair coolers and backside kitchen vouchers. Tony said that Breed Development and Hoosier Park will be contributing to the gifts with Breed Development contributing $4,000 and the ISA and Hoosier Park both contributing $5,500 each. Zach Miller made a Motion for the ISA to contribute $5,500 towards the cost of Sire Stakes gifts. Carrie Hollman seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony also said that he would be contacting Randall in the track kitchen to find out if he would be interested in catering the Sire Stakes luncheon. Tony will find out more details to vote at the August board meeting.

Tony gave a brief update on all future promotions events coming up in July.

Jamie Macomber made a Motion for the ISA to purchase 2 additional large signs to be used for the State Fair Speed Barn tours and future legislative events in the amount of $539.88. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Ernie Gaskin made a Motion for the ISA to hire John Adamsky to create a new ISA commercial in an amount up to $1,000.00. Rhys Helt seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Robert Taylor made a Motion to recognize blacksmith Charlie Stewart with an appreciation gift in the amount of $100.00. Jamie Macomber seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Zach Miller made a Motion for the ISA to purchase appreciation gifts/gift cards to the Hoosier Park wait staff in the amount of $500.00. James Yoder seconded the Motion.

Ernie Gaskin made a Motion for the ISA to contribute $250.00 toward the Fox Gardin's veterans' charity event. Zach Miller seconded the Motion.

The ISA Christmas Party and Meeting was discussed and will again be at Carnegie's in Greenfield, Indiana.

j. PARI-MUTUEL- John DeLong.

John DeLong gave an update on the meeting held last Thursday, including blood gas rules, bath mats, backside conditions/potholes, Trackmaster and updated on the potential purchase of Caesars.

k. PUBLICATIONS/WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA-Jay Hochstetler

Jay Hochstetler reported that everything was going well and that the new magazine will be coming out soon.

V. NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed possibly cancelling the October board meeting due to sale conflicts, and will discuss it further at the August meeting.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next ISA meeting will be held on Monday, August 10, 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 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kristi Collett, Office Manager