**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**
**THE INDIANA STANDARDBRED ASSOCIATION**
**Monday, August 10, 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, 2nd Vice President Doug Rideout, ISA Treasurer Rhys Helt, Chad Clark, Ernie Gaskin, Carrie Hollman, Jamie Macomber, Jason Miller and John Merkel. Lisa Krise, ISA Accounts Manager, Kristi Collett, ISA Office Manager, Tony Renz, ISA Executive Director, ISA Lobbyist Adam Kallick and ISA Attorney John Young (for Roger Young) were also present. ISA Lobbyist Matt Norris, 1st Vice President Robert Taylor, ISA Treasurer, Zach Miller, Directors Joe Essig, Jr., Jay Hochstetler, Daryl D. Miller and James Yoder were not present.

## III. MEETING AGENDA

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – July 13, 2026

   Motion by Carrie Hollman to approve the Minutes of the July 13, 2026 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Doug Rideout. Motion carried.

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

   Motion by Doug Rideout to approve Account Expenditures from July 1, 2026 to August 1, 2026. Carrie Hollman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. **ISA LOBBYIST REPORTS**

   ISA Lobbyist Adam Kallick gave a report on the legislative issues, including the recent event at Robert Taylor's farm and updates on future legislative races. Adam said that the Robert Taylor event was fantastic and several legislators attended and had a great time.

Jamie Macomber made a Motion for the ISA to purchase 3 helmets from Grattan with the ISA logo to use at future legislative events in an amount up to $2,500. John Merkel seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Adam also spoke about the upcoming Rural Caucus with Senator Jean Leising. Ernie Gaskin made a Motion to sponsor lunch for the Rural Caucus in the amount of $250.00. Jamie Macomber seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

ISA Executive Director, Tony Renz, let the Board know about the upcoming Purdue Economic Impact Study and that he received a quote from Purdue in the amount of $56,000.00, with the ISA's share being $7,500.00. Jamie Macomber made a Motion for the ISA to contribute $7,500 towards the new Purdue Economic Impact Study. Rhys Helt seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

## IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. BACKSIDE HEALTH CARE/EMERGENCY BENEFIT – Jay Hochstetler

Tony Renz said he spoke with the ISA Chiropractor and things are going well.

Jamie Macomber made a Motion for the ISA to donate $160.00 to the Cheyanna Patrick Closser Memorial. Chad Clark seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

b. BACKSIDE IMPROVEMENTS/RCFAC UPDATE – Robert Taylor – No report.

c. BREEDERS/OWNERS/SALES – Jamie Macomber

Jamie Macomber gave a brief update on the Midwest Standardbred Horse Sale.

d. BUDGET/FINANCE – Rhys Helt

The budget report will be given in the Executive Session.

e. COLLEGE ASSISTANCE – Zach Miller.

It was reported that there were 5 college assistance applications received. Doug Rideout made a Motion to approve the 5 applications as recommended by the College Assistance Committee. Carrie Hollman seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

f. COMMISSION RELATIONS – Tony Renz

Tony Renz reported on the recent Commission Relations meeting last week.

g. FAIR RACING – Doug Rideout

Doug Rideout reported that fair racing is going well and that the Grand Circuit and Governor's Cup are coming up soon. Tony reported on the stall issue at the State Fair and the ISA will be renting stalls from the Elkhart County 4H in the amount of $3,500, with half being paid for by Breed Development. An approval by the Board was obtained by Survey Monkey last week.

h. GRANTS- Zach Miller – No report.

i. MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTIONS – Carrie Hollman

Carrie Hollman reported the ISA has 974 members to date.

Carrie reported on recent promotion events, including Horse of the Month and Friday Night Owner's Club. Carrie also said they are in the beginning stages of organizing an event with firefighters in September that will help them with procedures in the event of an emergency at the track. It was reported that the Duck Fling promotion was going well with approximately 115-135 people participating.

Doug Ridout made a Motion to hire Randall Raines to cater the Sire Stakes luncheon in October in an amount up to $4,500.00. Rhys Helt seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Rhys Helt made a Motion for the ISA to purchase a $200 appreciation gift for Paul and his staff at the State Fair and $200 in appreciation gifts for Dave Mills' group. Ernie Gaskin seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

j. PARI-MUTUEL- John DeLong.

John DeLong gave an update on the purse account and other matters and said that the next pari-mutuel meeting will be this coming Thursday.

k. PUBLICATIONS/WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA-Jay Hochstetler

Tony Renz reported that John Adamsky is in the process of working on a new commercial for the ISA.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

John DeLong gave a handout to the Board with a draft of the new blood gas rules and spoke to the Board regarding same. Jason Miller made a Motion to approve moving forward with the recommendations as discussed. Carrie Hollman seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Doug Rideout made a Motion to increase the pay for the ISA Transportation Driver, April Neafus, to $125.00 per day. Jamie Macomber seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Ernie Gaskin presented the Board with a draft copy of a letter regarding moving the Hambletonian and said that the voting will take place on Thursday.

Ernie Gaskin made a Motion to do a $250.00 donation to the Harrison County Ag Days. Jamie Macomber seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Jason Miller made a Motion to purchase Elite blankets with embroidering in an amount up to $1,000. Jamie Macomber seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

## VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next ISA meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 2026 at the ISA Office, Greenfield, Indiana.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT.

Carrie Hollman made a Motion to adjourn. Jason Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

## VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Kristi Collett, Office Manager**