

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THE INDIANA STANDARDBRED ASSOCIATION
Monday, April 7, 2025
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 Emily Dever, ISA Treasurer Rhys Helt, Chad Clark, Jay Hochstetler, Joe Essig, Jr., Ernie Gaskin, Carrie Hollman, Jamie Macomber, John Merkel, Zach Miller and Matt Rheinheimer. Kristi Collett, ISA Office Manager, Lisa Krise, ISA Accounts Manager, Tony Renz, ISA Executive Director, Roger Young, ISA Attorney and Adam Kallick and Matt Norris, ISA Lobbyists, were also present. ISA Director, James Yoder, and ISA Lobbyist, Mike McDaniel, were not present. Guest: Tammy Knox.

III. MEETING AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 3, 2025

Motion by Doug Rideout to approve the Minutes of the March 3, 2025 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Emily Dever. Motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES March 1, 2025 to April 1, 2025.

Motion by Emily Dever to approve Account Expenditures from March 1, 2025 to April 1, 2025. Zach Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. ISA LOBBYIST REPORTS

Matt Norris and Adam Kallick gave legislative reports and updates on all recent bills, including equine dentistry bill, iGaming, the proposed casino move and charity gaming.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Jay Hochstetler informed the Board that everything was going well at the ISA Clinic.

Rhys Helt made a Motion for the ISA to purchase 50 heart scan vouchers in an amount up to \$2,500.00. John Merkel seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

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

Robert Taylor gave a brief report regarding recent damages and repairs being made on the backstretch.

- c. **BREEDERS/OWNERS/SALES – Doug Rideout.**

Jamie Macomber reported that they had already received 311 entries for the Midwest Standardbred Horse Sale in October and that the deadline for entries is May 2.

- d. **BUDGET/FINANCE – Rhys Helt**

Treasurer Rhys Helt informed the Board that the budget is going as planned. He said that the audit is complete and noted that the ISA Accounts Manager, Lisa Krise, had provided a quarterly report in their meeting packet.

- e. **COLLEGE ASSISTANCE – Zach Miller.**

Zach reported that the Fall College Assistance applications are due July 15, 2025.

- f. **COMMISSION RELATIONS – Tony Renz**

Tony Renz gave a brief report and said that they are trying to set up a Commission Relations meeting in April. A discussion was held regarding verbiage changes to a recent Commission ruling which concerns the placing of horses during race action. John Merkel made a Motion to

oppose a change in the rule. Joe Essig, Jr. seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

g. FAIR RACING – Doug Rideout

Tony Renz reported that he had secured yard signs once again for the ISFC locations. The cost of the signs will be split with Breed Development. Emily Dever made a Motion for the ISA to purchase yard signs for the ISFC locations in a total amount of \$1,720.00 to be split with Breed Development. Jay Hochstetler seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony informed the Board that they had secured funding again this year from the US Trotting Association's program for video service for ISFC live racing.

Tony also reported that he is working on an opportunity for the Race of the Day for the fair races with The Fan radio station and gave details on same. Tony will report further on this at the May meeting.

Carrie Hollman made a Motion for the ISA to purchase t-shirts from the USTA to be handed out at all fair races in an amount up to \$3,000. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

h. GRANTS- Zach Miller

Zach Miller went over the Grant Committee's recommendations for the 2025 Fair Grants. After all grants were discussed, a Motion was made by Matt Rheinheimer to approve all grants as recommended by the committee. Ernie Gaskin seconded the Motion. Motion carried. Emily Dever and Zach Miller abstained from the vote.

i. MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTIONS – Emily Dever.

Emily Dever reported the current ISA Membership is 657 members. Several outings for the ISA members have been planned for the spring, including TopGolf, ISA Night at the Races and golf at Grandview Golf Course in Anderson.

Doug Rideout made a Motion for the ISA to spend up to \$2,500 for their share of the ISA Night at the Races event at Hoosier Park. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Robert Taylor made a Motion for the ISA to purchase a table of 8 for the annual Harvest Dinner at the State Fairgrounds in the amount of \$1,200.00. Jay Hochstetler seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

It was also reported that Daryl Miller of Bluebird Meadows is interested in providing additional funding to enhance the Groom of the Month program.

Tony Renz spoke to the Board about the “Mane Event” owner’s program that he would like to begin on May 17 and once a month on the third Saturday thereafter. Light hors d’oeuvres would be served for approximately 30-50 people by invitation only to interested owners and potential new owners. Doug Rideout made a Motion for the ISA to spend up to \$2,500 for the Mane Event program. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony also spoke to the Board regarding a sponsorship with the Final Third Cigar Co. podcast. Emily Dever made a Motion for the ISA to sponsor the Final Third Cigar Co. podcast in the amount of \$250 for two months (total \$500). Ernie Gaskin seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Zach Miller made a Motion for the ISA to provide three (3) chicken dinners from Leroy (Elrod) Schmucker for the backside during this meet in an amount up to \$2,500 per dinner. This will also include hotel rooms when needed. John Merkel seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

j. PARI-MUTUEL- John DeLong.

John DeLong spoke to the Board about guaranteed pools and adjustments being made by Hoosier Park. Doug Rideout made a Motion for the ISA to support a partnership with Hoosier Park for guaranteed pools in an amount up to \$10,000. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

John also reported on the Pari-Mutuel meeting last week, including condition sheets and races with low numbers of starters. He also reported that the new track vet will start next week.

k. PUBLICATIONS/WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA-Jay Hochstetler.

It was reported that John Adamsky is doing a great job with the ISA social media sites. Dean Gillette has offered to let John use photos for social media purposes. Jay Hochstetler made a Motion to pay for Dean Gillette’s One Drive expense for a year in the amount of \$179.88. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS.

Tony Renz spoke to the Board about hosting a Legislative Day to invite legislators and their friends and family to tour a farm and have lunch. Tony estimates that this will cost under \$1,000.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next ISA meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the ISA Office in Greenfield, Indiana.

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

Zach Miller made a Motion to adjourn. Emily Dever seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kristi Collett, Office Manager