

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THE INDIANA STANDARD BRED ASSOCIATION
Monday, August 4, 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, 2nd Vice President Doug Rideout, ISA Treasurer Rhys Helt, Chad Clark, Joe Essig, Jr., Jay Hochstetler, Carrie Hollman, John Merkel, Zach Miller and James Yoder. Lisa Krise, ISA Accounts Manager, Kristi Collett, ISA Office Manager, Tony Renz, ISA Executive Director, Roger Young, ISA Attorney and ISA Lobbyists Matt Norris and Adam Kallick. ISA Lobbyist Mike McDaniel was not present. 1st Vice President Robert Taylor, ISA Secretary Emily Dever, Directors Ernie Gaskin, Jamie Macomber and Matt Rheinheimer were not present.

III. MEETING AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 4, 2025

Motion by Zach Miller to approve the Minutes of the August 4, 2025 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Jay Hochstetler. Motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES July 1, 2025 to August 1, 2025.

Motion by Doug Rideout to approve Account Expenditures from July 1, 2025 to August 1, 2025. Rhys Helt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. ISA LOBBYIST REPORTS

Matt Norris of Krieg DeVault reported on legislative issues and mentioned that the recent Legislative Day at Ernie Gaskin's Farm was a great success. Matt said that 10 members of the legislation attended.

Adam Kallick also reported on the success of Legislative Day and gave a brief report, including a Rural Caucus and an event for Governor Braun in October at Horseshoe, Indianapolis.

4. ISA 2026 BUDGET

Zach Miller made a Motion to approve the 2026 ISA Budget as recommended by the ISA Accounts Manager, Lisa Krise, and Executive Committee. Carrie Hollman seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

- b. BACKSIDE IMPROVEMENTS/RCFAC UPDATE – Robert Taylor

Tony Renz reported that continued discussions and plans are being made for a playground. Tony said that he would update the board further in September.

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

Doug Rideout briefly reported that the Topeka sale was cancelled and gave an update on the Midwest Standardbred Horse Sale.

- d. BUDGET/FINANCE – Rhys Helt – No additional report.

The quarterly report prepared by ISA Accounts Manager, Lisa Krise, was included in the meeting packets.

e. COLLEGE ASSISTANCE – Zach Miller.

Zach Miller reported that there were 10 applicants for the Fall College Assistance and that checks will be prepared for the 10 applicants as recommended by the College Assistance Committee. Carrie Hollman made a Motion to grant the college assistance to the 10 applicants as recommended by the College Assistance Committee. John Merkel seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

f. COMMISSION RELATIONS – Tony Renz

Tony Renz reported that he is trying to get a Commission Relations meeting scheduled possibly on August 14 or 15 to discuss rule change recommendations.

Tony spoke to the Board regarding Deena Pitman's retirement party on August 22 and recommendations were made for a plaque for Deena from the ISA.

g. FAIR RACING – Doug Rideout

Doug Rideout reported that fair racing is going well and that the Grand Circuit is coming up on Wednesday, August 6. Tony Renz also reported that he did speak with Paul at the State Fair regarding stalls.

h. GRANTS- Zach Miller – No report.

i. MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTIONS – Emily Dever.

Tony Renz reported that the ISA has 963 members to date.

Tony also reported on the helmet incentive and that the ISA and Hoosier Park will each be contributing \$100 toward the helmet benefit and that Grattan will be offering free shipping, which is a \$60.00 value. The total value of the benefit is \$260 towards a new helmet and it will begin September 1, 2025 and run until the end of the year.

The Sire Stakes luncheon was discussed for October and Jay Hochstetler made a Motion to ask Misty Raines to prepare the luncheon and to approve to spend up to \$5,000. Rhys Helt seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony discussed gifts for Sire Stakes night, including blankets for the consolation winners. He said it is estimated that \$20,000-\$25,000 will be needed this year and that this year they would not be asking the breeders to contribute. He said that the hope is that Breed Development, Hoosier Park and the ISA will contribute to the total amount. Zach Miller made a Motion for the ISA to contribute up to \$8,000 for Sire Stakes Night, which includes the cost of the consolation blankets. Carrie Hollman seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

The Indians game on Sunday, August 10, was discussed and the Board also decided to not set another Top Golf event for the fall.

Rhys Helt made a Motion for the ISA to purchase trading cards again this year in the amount of \$2,262. James Yoder seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Zach Miller made a Motion to approve the additional amount needed for the catering for Legislative Day event that totaled \$1,500.00. Doug Rideout seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

j. PARI-MUTUEL- John DeLong.

John DeLong gave a report on all Pari-Mutuel issues, including 5 horse fields, guaranteed pool budget, estimated end of the year purse account and race calendar for next year.

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

Tony Renz reported that John Adamsky had signed a contract with the ISA to take over maintenance of the ISA website and social media platforms. Carrie Hollman informed the Board that photographer Diane Schuler has been providing fair pictures to John Adamsky for social media and that those were being well received.

V. NEW BUSINESS.

Adam Kallick spoke to the Board regarding a legislative event that he will be hosting next week and asked the Board for a \$300 donation. Doug Rideout made a Motion for the ISA to contribute \$300 to the Adam Kallick legislative event. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

The deadline for nominations for the ISA Board of Directors is August 15 and updates were provided on current nominations.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next ISA meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the ISA Office in Greenfield, Indiana.

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

Zach Miller made a Motion to adjourn. Carrie Hollman seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kristi Collett, Office Manager