

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THE INDIANA STANDARDBRED ASSOCIATION
Monday, February 3, 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 Secretary Emily Dever, ISA Treasurer Rhys Helt, Joe Essig, Jr., Ernie Gaskin, Carrie Hollman, Jamie Macomber, John Merkel, Zach Miller and Matt Rheinheimer. Lisa Krise, ISA Accounts Manager, Kristi Collett, ISA Office Manager, Tony Renz, ISA Executive Director, Roger Young, ISA Attorney and ISA Lobbyists Adam Kallick and Matt Norris were also present. ISA 1st Vice President, Robert Taylor, ISA Directors, Chad Clark, Jay Hochstetler, James Yoder and ISA Lobbyist, Mike McDaniel, were not present. Guests: Darla Gaskin and Tammy Knox.

III. MEETING AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 6, 2025

Motion by Emily Dever to approve the Minutes of the January 6, 2025 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Zach Miller. Motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES January 1, 2025 to February 1, 2025.

Motion by Emily Dever to approve Account Expenditures from January 1, 2025 to February 1, 2025. John Merkel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. ISA LOBBYIST REPORTS

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

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Tony Renz reported that he had spoken with the Chiropractor and he will be back again at Hoosier Park for the upcoming meet.

- b. BACKSIDE IMPROVEMENTS/RCFAC UPDATE – Robert Taylor

John DeLong gave a brief report and said that Hoosier Park is interviewing for a new Director of Facilities.

- c. BREEDERS/OWNERS/SALES – Doug Rideout – No report.

- d. BUDGET/FINANCE – Rhys Helt

ISA Accounts Manager, Lisa Krise, gave a report to the Board regarding all ISA accounts with year end balances.

- e. COLLEGE ASSISTANCE – Zach Miller

Zach Miller informed the Board that the ISA had received 7 College Assistance applications for Spring, 2025 and that checks will be sent to those recipients soon.

- f. COMMISSION RELATIONS – Tony Renz

Tony Renz said that they had a Commission Relations meeting a week and a half ago and 4 hour detention time and blood gas were discussed. A further meeting is set for February 19.

- g. FAIR RACING – Doug Rideout – No report.

- h. GRANTS- Zach Miller

Zach Miller reported that fair grant applications will be going out the second week of February and are due March 15.

i. MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTIONS – Emily Dever.

Emily Dever reported that the ISA banquet went well and that the Embassy Suites Noblesville has the date of January 24, 2026 available for the 2025 Banquet. The Committee is looking into a new band or a DJ. Also, ways to improve next year's banquet were discussed.

j. PARI-MUTUEL- John DeLong.

John DeLong reminded everyone that stall apps. are due Friday, February 7. He also confirmed that the first qualifiers are March 1 and the first night qualifier will be March 10. John also reported that Hoosier Park has a new Race Secretary, Joe Zambito, and no GM has been hired as of yet. John presented the Board with a copy of a proposed draft of a Condition Sheet prepared by Joe Zambito and a discussion was held regarding same.

A discussion was held regarding the 2025 Horsemen's Contract. Doug Rideout made a Motion to proceed with signing the Horsemen's Contract as discussed. Joe Essig, Jr. seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

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

A discussion was held regarding Larison Media. Larison Media announced that they would be raising their monthly charge to the ISA from \$750 to \$1,500. After discussion, Matt Rheinheimer made a Motion to end the contract with Larison Media. John Merkel seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Emily Dever informed the Board that she has been in touch with John Adamsky who does website and social media work. John has offered to do the social media work for the ISA for \$850.00 per month with no limits on posts on a month to month basis (no contract). Matt Rheinheimer made a Motion to hire John Adamsky to do all social media work for the ISA in the amount of \$850.00 per month. Carrie Hollman seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS.

Adam Kallick spoke to the Board regarding forming a PAC that would include all horse associations combined. The PAC will be named the Indiana Horse Racing Alliance PAC. Discussions were held on how our members can voluntarily donate money for the PAC.

Tony Renz informed the Board that he would be having surgery on March 6 and would be off for possibly 3-4 days.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next ISA meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the ISA Office in Greenfield, Indiana.

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

Zach Miller made a Motion to adjourn. Carried Hollman seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kristi Collett, Office Manager