

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THE INDIANA STANDARD BRED ASSOCIATION
Monday, January 6, 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 President John DeLong, ISA 1st Vice President Robert Taylor, ISA 2nd Vice President Doug Rideout, ISA Secretary Emily Dever, ISA Treasurer Matt Rheinheimer, Chad Clark, Joe Essig, Jr., Ernie Gaskin, Rhys Helt, Jay Hochstetler, Carrie Hollman, Jamie Macomber, 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 Adam Kallick, ISA Support Lobbyist were also present. ISA Lobbyist, Mike McDaniel, was not present. Guests: Matt Norris of Krieg DeVault, Darla Gaskin and Tammy Knox.

III. MEETING AGENDA

1. SWEARING IN OF NEW ISA DIRECTORS

Carrie Hollman, Jamie Macomber and John Merkel were sworn in by ISA Attorney, Roger Young, as 2025 ISA Directors.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Nominations Opened:

Doug Rideout nominated John DeLong, as ISA President. James Yoder seconded the Motion.

Doug Rideout made a Motion to close the nominations for President. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

John DeLong was announced as the 2025 ISA President.

1st Vice President Nominations Opened:

Ernie Gaskin nominated Robert Taylor as ISA 1st Vice-President. Emily Dever seconded the Motion.

Emily Dever made a Motion to close the nominations for 1st Vice-President. Jay Hochstetler seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Robert Taylor was announced as the 2025 ISA 1st Vice President.

2nd Vice President Nominations Opened:

Ernie Gaskin nominated Doug Rideout as the ISA 2nd Vice-President. Emily Dever seconded the Motion.

Jay Hochstetler made a Motion to close the nominations for 2nd Vice President. Emily Dever seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Doug Rideout was announced as the 2025 ISA 2nd Vice President.

Board Secretary Nominations Opened:

Zach Miller nominated Emily Dever as the ISA Board Secretary. Chad Clark seconded the Motion.

Zach Miller made a Motion to close the nominations for ISA Board Secretary. Chad Clark seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Emily Dever was announced as the 2025 ISA Board Secretary.

Board Treasurer Nominations Opened:

Zach Miller nominated Matt Rheinheimer as the ISA Board Treasurer. Ernie Gaskin seconded the Motion. Matt Rheinheimer declined the nomination.

Emily Dever nominated Rhys Helt as the ISA Board Treasurer. Zach Miller seconded the Motion.

Emily Dever made a Motion to close the nominations for ISA Board Treasurer. Joe Essig, Jr. seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Rhys Helt was announced as the 2025 ISA Board Treasurer.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December, 2024

Motion by Emily Dever to approve the Minutes of December 9, 2024 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Chad Clark. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES December 1, 2024 to January 1, 2025.

Motion by Doug Rideout to approve Account Expenditures from December 1, 2024 to January 1, 2025. Emily Dever seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. ISA LOBBYIST MIKE MCDANIEL REPORT – No report.

6. ISA SUPPORT LOBBYIST ADAM KALLICK

Adam Kallick gave a brief report on legislative issues, including the proposed casino move and iGaming.

7. 2025 ISA COMMITTEES

President John DeLong went through the 2025 ISA Committees and chairs and committee members were selected for the upcoming year.

8. HORSEMEN’S REPRESENTATIVE

All Horsemen’s Representative applications were reviewed and discussed. Doug Rideout made a Motion to rehire Rick and Casandra Uppal for the 2025 ISA Horsemen’s Rep. position. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

9. GATOR DRIVER

The Gator Driver applications were reviewed and discussed. Emily Dever made a Motion to rehire April Neafus for the 2025 ISA Gator driver position. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Jay Hochstetler informed the Board that everything was going well with the ISA Clinic and that the new eligibility requirements have been implemented.

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

- c. BREEDERS/OWNERS/SALES – Doug Rideout

It was announced that a new sale company, Midwest Standardbred Horse Sale, was formed and replaces the Hoosier Classic Sale. The 2025 sale will be held October 16, 17 and 18, with the preview night on October 15, 2025.

- d. BUDGET/FINANCE – Rhys Helt.

Lisa Krise, ISA Accounts Manager, reported that everything is going well and as expected with the budget.

- e. COLLEGE ASSISTANCE – Zach Miller

Zach Miller informed the Board that the ISA has received 6 College Assistance applications so far for Spring, 2025 and they will be sent to the Committee soon for review.

- f. COMMISSION RELATIONS – Tony Renz

Tony Renz said that a Commission Relations meeting will be tentatively be held on January 24, 2025.

- g. FAIR RACING – Doug Rideout.

Doug Rideout gave a brief update on the Fair Convention that was held on January 4, 2025. He said that the first fair race will be June 4 in Converse and the finals will be held on August 13. The Grand Circuit races are scheduled for August 6 and the ISA Elite Races on August 25 (with a rain date of August 27).

Tony Renz spoke to the Board regarding a proposal from Mark the Spot for the fair race broadcasts. Emily Dever made a Motion to accept the proposal in an amount up to \$32,000, with Breed Development paying half the cost. Robert Taylor seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

h. GRANTS- Zach Miller

Zach Miller reported that fair grant applications will be going out mid-February and will be due March 15.

i. MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTIONS – Emily Dever.

Emily Dever reported that the ISA has received 1101 memberships. She reported that banquet plans are underway and that the deadline to RSVP is January 17, 2025.

j. PARI-MUTUEL- John DeLong.

John DeLong reported on the last Commission meeting on December 17. He said that the Hoosier Park Operational Plan was approved and also reported on the handle.

k. PUBLICATIONS/WEBSITE-Jay Hochstetler.

Tammy Knox attended the meeting and passed out the ISA Magazine schedule for 2025. Doug Rideout made a Motion for the ISA to purchase photos from Conrad Photography in an amount up to \$500.00. Carrie Hollman seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS.

A discussion was held regarding HHI and the Board agreed to not re-new the HHI membership/policy for 2025.

A discussion was held regarding increasing the Sulky Insurance for 2025. Zach Miller made a Motion to increase the Sulky Insurance to \$500 per wheel, and not to exceed \$3,000 per incident. Robert Taylor seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony Renz informed the Board that the ISA security system needs to be updated with ADT in the amount of \$1,220.36. Emily Dever made a Motion for the ISA to update their security system through ADT in the amount of \$1,220.36. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony Renz asked the Board for approval to attend the Dan Patch awards. Emily Dever made a Motion for the ISA to pay up to \$1,500 for expenses for Tony Renz to attend the Dan Patch awards. Joe Essig, Jr. seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next ISA meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 3, 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 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kristi Collett, Office Manager