

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
THE INDIANA STANDARD BRED ASSOCIATION  
Monday, January 5, 2026  
ISA Office, Greenfield, Indiana**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President, John DeLong, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Directors present were President John DeLong, ISA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Robert Taylor, ISA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Doug Rideout, Chad Clark, Daryl D. Miller, Joe Essig, Jr., Ernie Gaskin, Jay Hochstetler, Carrie Hollman, Jamie Macomber, John Merkel, Jason Miller, 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 Adam Kallick and Matt Norris were also present. Director, Rhys Helt and ISA Lobbyist, Mike McDaniel, were not present. Guest: ISA Publicist, Tammy Knox.

**III. MEETING AGENDA**

**1. SWEARING IN OF NEW ISA DIRECTORS**

Directors Jay Hochstetler, John Merkel, Daryl D. Miller, Jason Miller, Doug Rideout and Robert Yoder were sworn in by ISA Attorney, Roger Young, as 2026 ISA Directors. Director Rhys Helt will be sworn in at the February meeting.

**2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

President Nominations Opened:

Zach Miller nominated John DeLong, as ISA President. Doug Rideout seconded the Motion. The Motion passed by acclamation.

John DeLong was announced as the 2026 ISA President.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Nominations Opened:

Ernie Gaskin nominated Robert Taylor as ISA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President. Jamie Macomber seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Robert Taylor was announced as the 2026 ISA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Nominations Opened:

Robert Taylor nominated Doug Rideout as the ISA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President. Jamie Macomber seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Doug Rideout was announced as the 2026 ISA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

Board Secretary Nominations Opened:

Jay Hochstetler nominated Zach Miller as the ISA Board Secretary. Doug Rideout seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Zach Miller was announced as the 2026 ISA Board Secretary.

Board Treasurer Nominations Opened:

Carrie Hollman nominated Rhys Helt as the ISA Board Treasurer. John Merkel seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Rhys Helt was announced as the 2026 ISA Board Treasurer.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 1, 2025**

Motion by Carrie Hollman to approve the Minutes of the December 1, 2025 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Zach Miller. Motion carried.

**4. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES** December 1, 2025 to January 1, 2026.

Motion by Zach Miller to approve Account Expenditures from December 1, 2025 to January 1, 2026. Doug Rideout seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**5. ISA LOBBYISTS REPORTS**

Matt Norris and Adam Kallick gave updates on current legislative issues. Matt Norris informed the Board that the new session began on January 5 and will run through February 27. Matt also gave an update on iGaming. Adam Kallick spoke about a few bills that could affect horse racing, including a potential new casino license in Allen County.

**6. 2026 ISA COMMITTEES**

President John DeLong went through the 2026 ISA Committees and chairs, and committee members were selected for the upcoming year.

**7. HORSEMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE**

All Horsemen's Representative applications were reviewed and discussed. Zach Miller made a Motion to rehire Rick and Casandra Uppal for the 2026 ISA Horsemen's Rep. position. Robert Taylor seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Zach Miller to increase the salary of the Horsemen's Representative as was approved in the 2026 budget. Doug Rideout seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

**8. ISA TRACK TRANSPORTATION DRIVER**

The ISA Track Transportation Driver applications were reviewed and discussed. Jason Miller made a Motion to rehire April Neafus for the 2026 ISA Track Transportation 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.

- b. BACKSIDE IMPROVEMENTS/RCFAC UPDATE – Robert Taylor

Robert Taylor made a brief report regarding preparations for the upcoming meet and said that Hoosier Park is going forward with winterizations and plans for concrete to be completed for certain barns for wash stall improvements. Also, plans to fix roofing on the paddock barn will be completed in January.

- c. BREEDERS/OWNERS/SALES – Jamie Macomber

Jamie Macomber reported that there will be a Breeder's meeting on Friday, January 30 at 3:00 p.m. at Hoosier Park.

It was also reported that Premier Acres is having an open house to introduce new stallions and offer a look at their facilities on Saturday, January 31, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Jamie reported that a survey was sent out by the Midwest Standardbred Horse Sale asking opinions on how the first sale went.

The Board also discussed new ways to attract buyers in the state.

- 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 8 College Assistance applications so far for Spring, 2026 and they will be sent to the Committee soon for review.

f. COMMISSION RELATIONS – Tony Renz

Tony Renz said that a Commission Relations meeting is scheduled for this coming Wednesday, January 7.

g. FAIR RACING – Doug Rideout.

Doug Rideout gave a brief update on the Fair Convention that was held on January 3, 2026. Doug said that races at Hoosier Park will be held June 16-19. Also, State Fair racing dates were scheduled with the Grand Circuit set for August 12, Governor's Cup Championships set for August 19 and the ISA Elite Races set for August 31.

h. GRANTS- Zach Miller – No report

i. MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTIONS – Carrie Hollman

It was reported that the ISA received 1002 memberships at the end of the year.

Tony Renz spoke to the Board regarding scheduling another Indians game for the horsemen earlier in the year, instead of late summer. The total cost will be approximately \$4,200 and will be split with Hoosier Park. Zach Miller made a Motion to proceed with scheduling an Indians game on Sunday, April 26 at 1:30 p.m. for an approximate amount of \$4,200 to be split with Hoosier Park. Carrie Hollman seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony discussed sponsoring the Hoosier Park Night Drive once again. Jamie Macomber made a Motion for the ISA to again sponsor the Hoosier Park Night Drive in the amount of \$5,000. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony said that Ellen Taylor of HHYF approached him about purchasing harness racing trading cards again for regional participants this year to be used for the FFA National Convention and Speed Barn tours. Doug Rideout made a Motion for the ISA to purchase regional harness racing trading cards in the amount of \$4,000. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony said the Grattan helmet benefit went well and asked the Board if they would like to renew the benefit for 2026. Zach Miller made a Motion to renew the Grattan helmet benefit for 2026, pending Hoosier Park's approval for their portion. Jamie Macomber seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony spoke about the Fox Sports 2 broadcast for last Memorial Day in the amount of \$5,000. Zach Miller made a Motion for the ISA pay half of the \$5,000 Fox Sports 2 broadcast, with the ISA's portion being \$2,500. Jay Hochstetler seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

j. PARI-MUTUEL- John DeLong.

John DeLong reported that the first pari-mutuel meeting will be held directly after the Commission Relations meeting on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. John also went over the purse account, comparing 2024 to 2025. He reported that stall applications are due on Saturday and the handle was up last year and trending in the right direction.

k. PUBLICATIONS/WEBSITE-Jay Hochstetler.

Jay Hochstetler provided an update on the new website design by John Adamsky and also said he was doing a great job with the social media platforms. Adam Kallick also added that John Adamsky did great work on an ad that will run every other Friday in the Legislative Insight publication. Tammy Knox attended the meeting and spoke to the Board regarding the ISA Magazine schedule for 2026. Jamie Macomber made a Motion for the ISA to purchase photos from Conrad Photography in an amount up to \$500.00. John Merkel seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

**V. NEW BUSINESS.**

A discussion was held regarding moving the ISA Chaplain Claudean Webb's start date a month earlier from March 1 to February 1. Zach Miller made a Motion for the ISA Chaplain to start on February 1, 2026. Robert Taylor seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony Renz informed the Board that they are invited to the ribbon cutting for the Horseshoe Community Center on February 6, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.

Tony Renz also mentioned that the ITOBA banquet is set for January 17<sup>th</sup> in Indianapolis.

Tony said that preparations were underway for the Indiana Standardbred Banquet on January 24, 2026 and that donations for the door prizes would be appreciated.

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**VII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next ISA meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the ISA Office in Greenfield, Indiana.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT.**

Zach Miller made a Motion to adjourn. Carrie Hollman seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Kristi Collett, Office Manager**