

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
THE INDIANA STANDARD BRED ASSOCIATION  
Monday, July 7, 2025  
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 ISA President John DeLong, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Robert Taylor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Doug Rideout, ISA Secretary, Emily Dever, ISA Treasurer Rhys Helt, Joe Essig, Jr., Jay Hochstetler, Carrie Hollman, Jamie Macomber, John Merkel, and Zach Miller. Lisa Krise, ISA Accounts Manager, Kristi Collett, ISA Office Manager, Tony Renz, ISA Executive Director, Roger Young, ISA Attorney and ISA Lobbyist Adam Kallick. ISA Lobbyists Mike McDaniel and Matt Norris were not present. Directors Chad Clark, Ernie Gaskin, Matt Rheinheimer and James Yoder were not present.

**III. MEETING AGENDA**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 7, 2025**

Motion by Doug Rideout to approve the Minutes of the July 7, 2025 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Zach Miller. Motion carried.

**2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES June 1, 2025 to July 1, 2025.**

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

### **3. ISA LOBBYIST REPORTS**

Adam Kallick gave a report on upcoming legislative issues and events, including Legislative Field Day that will be held at Ernie Gaskin's Farm from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 28 and the Harvest Dinner on August 13.

Adam also read a proposed letter from all breeds with an analysis of the horse racing industry to be sent to the Gaming Commission. The ISA Directors authorized John DeLong to sign the letter in support.

An industry fundraiser was also discussed for Governor Mike Braun. The proposed event will be on October 25 at Horseshoe and all breeds will contribute to the event, with the ISA's share being \$5,000. Robert Taylor made a Motion to approve a \$5,000 donation from the ISA and to move forward with this event. Jamie Macomber seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Emily Dever made a Motion for the ISA to donate \$1,000 to each of the four (4) Democratic and Republican caucuses, for a total of \$4,000. Rhys Helt seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

### **4. APPOINT 2026 NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

The 2026 ISA Nomination Committee was chosen as follows:

Zach Miller (Chair)  
Carrie Hollman  
Jamie Macomber  
Robert Taylor

## **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Tony Renz reported briefly on recent ISA Clinic issues and said that things seemed to be going well now.

- b. BACKSIDE IMPROVEMENTS/RCFAC UPDATE – Robert Taylor

Robert Taylor gave a brief report on backside improvements, including two more pressure washers and quotes on fixing potholes on the backside.

c. BREEDERS/OWNERS/SALES – Doug Rideout.

Jamie Macomber reported briefly on the entries for the Midwest Standardbred Horse Sale and said that Wednesday will be the Show Day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

d. BUDGET/FINANCE – Rhys Helt

Rhys Helt reported that the Executive Committee met with Lisa Krise, ISA Accounts Manager, before tonight's meeting to go over the proposed 2026 ISA Budget and said that the budget will be brought before the Board to vote on at the August meeting.

e. COLLEGE ASSISTANCE – Zach Miller.

Zach Miller reminded everyone that the Fall College Assistance application deadline is July 15, 2025.

f. COMMISSION RELATIONS – Tony Renz

Tony Renz reported on the most recent Commission meeting and said that the Commission asked for recommendations on rule changes. Other matters discussed were Deena Pitman's retirement and the Commissioners who were leaving the Board and possible replacements.

g. FAIR RACING – Doug Rideout

Doug Rideout reported that fair racing is nearing the halfway mark and that everything is going well.

h. GRANTS- Zach Miller – No report.

i. MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTIONS – Emily Dever.

Emily Dever reported that the ISA has 927 members to date.

Emily gave an update on future events, including the FFA Convention and State Fair Barn Tours. Emily said that she still needs volunteers for the Barn Tours. Tony also reported that he had requested stalls for the State Fair from Paul, but has not heard from him yet.

Jay Hochstetler made a Motion for the ISA to spend \$1,000 for the FFA convention booth rent and giveaways. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Zach Miller made a Motion for the ISA to spend up to \$500 for prizes for the State Fair Barn Tour Plinko game. Jay Hochstetler seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony Renz spoke to the Board regarding prizes for the State Fair 107.5 Radio promotion. Jamie Macomber made a Motion for the ISA to spend up to \$250.00 for prizes for the 107.5 radio promotion. Carrie Hollman seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony Renz said that Owner's Night was well attended with approximately 50 guests, including some Purdue veterinarians. Tony also reported that the Breakfast with the Babies event is over and went well.

Tony also gave an update on the Indians game on August 10. Tony said that tickets will be distributed at a table beginning at 11:30 a.m. The game will begin at 1:00 p.m. and lunch will be served from 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

j. PARI-MUTUEL- John DeLong.

John DeLong gave a report on all Pari-Mutuel issues, including race office updates, purse account, simulcasts and handle.

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

Tony Renz spoke to the Board regarding John Adamsky redesigning the ISA website and that he and Roger Young are working on a contract for John and the ISA. Emily Dever made a Motion for the ISA to prepare a contract and pay John Adamsky the sum of \$1,100 a month for maintaining the ISA website and all social media platforms and a one time fee of \$3,000 to redesign and build the ISA website. Joe Essig, Jr. seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

**V. NEW BUSINESS.**

Tony Renz gave more details on the helmet benefit with potentially the ISA, Hoosier Park and Grattan each giving a \$100 rebate toward a new helmet and will report further at the next meeting. Zach Miller made a Motion for the ISA to move forward with the helmet benefit. Jay Hochstetler seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony also spoke to the Board regarding purchasing 2 tables for legislators for the Dan Patch. Zach Miller made a Motion for the ISA to purchase 2 tables for Dan Patch night in an amount up to \$1,000. Jay Hochstetler seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony informed the Board that a new table was purchased for the Driver's Lounge. Robert Taylor made a Motion to approve payment for reimbursement for the new table purchased for the Driver's Lounge in the amount of \$1,200. Jamie Macomber seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony spoke to the Board regarding the yearly Empire of Hope donation. Zach Miller made a Motion for the ISA to donate \$2,500 to the Empire of Hope. Doug Rideout seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony asked the Board for approval for Owner's Night expenses that took place on June 27, 2025. Approval was inadvertently not requested at the last board meeting. Jamie Macomber made a Motion to approve the expense up to \$2,300 for the annual Owner's Night at Hoosier Park. Joe Essig, Jr. seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

#### **VI. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next ISA meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 4, 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 7:45 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Kristi Collett, Office Manager**