

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THE INDIANA STANDARD BRED ASSOCIATION
Monday, May 5, 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, 1st Vice President Robert Taylor, 2nd Vice President Doug Rideout, ISA Treasurer Rhys Helt, Jay Hochstetler, Joe Essig, Jr., Carrie Hollman, John Merkel, Zach Miller, Matt Rheinheimer and James Yoder. Kristi Collett, ISA Office Manager, Tony Renz, ISA Executive Director, Roger Young, ISA Attorney and Adam Kallick and Matt Norris, ISA Lobbyists, were also present. ISA Accounts Manager, Lisa Krise, ISA Secretary, Emily Dever and ISA Directors, Chad Clark, Ernie Gaskin, Jamie Macomber and ISA Lobbyist, Mike McDaniel, were not present.

III. MEETING AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 7, 2025

Motion by Carrie Hollman to approve the Minutes of the April 7, 2025 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Jay Hochstetler. Motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES April 1, 2025 to May 1, 2025.

Motion by Doug Rideout to approve Account Expenditures from April 1, 2025 to May 1, 2025. John Merkel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. ISA LOBBYIST REPORTS

Matt Norris and Adam Kallick gave reports and updates on all gaming bills and the legislative day event.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

- b. **BACKSIDE IMPROVEMENTS/RCFAC UPDATE** – Robert Taylor

Robert Taylor gave a brief report regarding the RCFAC meeting on April 10, including updates on the new benches, driver's lounge furniture, fire alarm for dorms, robotic cameras, generators, playground equipment, etc.

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

Tony Renz reported that the first Mane Event is next week and he has received 10 RSVP's so far.

- d. **BUDGET/FINANCE** – Rhys Helt

Treasurer Rhys Helt informed the Board that the budget is going as planned and that the audit review went well.

- e. **COLLEGE ASSISTANCE** – Zach Miller.

Zach reported that the Fall College Assistance applications are due July 15, 2025.

- f. **COMMISSION RELATIONS** – Tony Renz

Tony Renz reported that the committee has a meeting scheduled on May 15 at 3:00 p.m. Tony said that work is continuing on non-Lasix horses and possible IHRC rule changes for next year. John DeLong also said that they also have extended the race office waiver until June 15.

g. FAIR RACING – Doug Rideout

Doug Rideout reported that the ISA had received 275 Elite Nominations, which was up from last year.

Tony Renz asked all Directors to take fair racing signs home for their own counties.

Tony also said that they are doing the Pick-a-Winner contest again this year at the fairs and asked the Board for approval for the ISA to spend \$100 (possibly gift cards) per fair to support this contest. Zach Miller made a Motion for the ISA to spend \$100 per fair in an amount up to \$2,000 for the Pick-a-Winner contest. Robert Taylor seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony informed the Board that 2025 is the last set of Governor's trophies that we have purchased and we will need to purchase more for next year. He received a proposal from Randy's Trophies for another 3 years of trophies in the amount of \$8,280.00. Robert Taylor made a Motion for the ISA to purchase another 3 years of Governor's Cup trophies in the amount of \$8,280.00. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Carried Hollman made a Motion for the ISA to purchase 2,000 fans for the County Fair races in an amount up to \$2,500.00. Doug Rideout seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

h. GRANTS- Zach Miller

Zach Miller spoke to the Board regarding two late grant requests from Elkhart County and Shelby County. After Board discussion, Doug Rideout made a Motion to deny the grant request for Elkhart County and give the remaining grant budget (approximately \$1,895) to Shelby County for stone. Carrie Hollman seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

i. MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTIONS – Emily Dever.

Tony Renz reported that the ISA has just over 800 members.

Tony spoke to the Board regarding an Indianapolis Indians game outing, which includes lunch, on August 10. Tony went over the different packages with the Board, and after discussion, the Board decided to purchase the \$4,300 package, which will be split with Hoosier Park. John Merkel made a Motion for the ISA to spend the amount of \$4,300 for the

Indianapolis Indians outing on August 10 to be split with Hoosier Park. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony also reminded the Board of the Golf Outing at Grandview on May 19 and a tentative date has been set for June 27 for the ISA Owner's Reception.

j. PARI-MUTUEL- John DeLong.

John DeLong informed the Board that the handle is up approximately 7% and the purse account appears to be in good shape. Tony Renz reported that he is trying to get a Pari-Mutuel meeting set up for Friday, May 9 at 3:00 p.m.

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

Tony reported that the May magazine just came out and discussed with the Board the idea of asking John Adamsky to redesign the ISA website. This will be discussed further at the June board meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS.

Tony Renz said he was working on a Race of the Day promotion for County Fairs. This will be on the Jake Query show, which will be noon to 3, and will promote a particular fair. The cost to the ISA would initially be \$20,000 with Breed Development to reimburse \$19,000 back to the ISA. Doug Rideout made a Motion to sponsor a Race of the Day promotion for county fairs with a total cost to the ISA in the amount of \$1,000. Carrie Hollman seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony also mentioned that the ISA Gator Driver, April Neafus, has been using her personal car and gas on rainy nights. The Board recommended purchasing a \$100 gas card for April as reimbursement.

Tony Renz asked the Board for permission to attend the 100th running of the Hambletonian. Joe Essig, Jr. made a Motion for an allowance of \$600 for flight and Uber for Tony Renz to attend the Hambletonian. James Yoder seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding purchasing a blanket or trophy for a memorial race in the future for Judge DeSants and Phyllis Edwards.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next ISA meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 2, 2025 at 6:00 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 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kristi Collett, Office Manager