

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THE INDIANA STANDARD BRED ASSOCIATION
Monday, September 8, 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, 1st Vice President Robert Taylor, ISA Secretary Emily Dever, ISA Treasurer Rhys Helt, Chad Clark, Ernie Gaskin, Jay Hochstetler, Carrie Hollman, Jamie Macomber, John Merkel and James Yoder. Kristi Collett, ISA Office Manager, Tony Renz, ISA Executive Director, Roger Young, ISA Attorney and ISA Lobbyists Matt Norris and Adam Kallick. Lisa Krise, ISA Accounts Manager, Mike McDaniel, ISA Lobbyist and Directors Joe Essig, Jr., Zach Miller and Matt Rheinheimer were not present. Guests attending: Tammy Knox.

III. MEETING AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 4, 2025

Motion by Doug Rideout to approve the Minutes of the August 4, 2025 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Emily Dever. Motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES August 1, 2025 to September 1, 2025.

Motion by Emily Dever to approve Account Expenditures from August 1, 2025 to September 1, 2025. Jay Hochstetler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. ISA LOBBYIST REPORTS

Adam Kallick and Matt Norris informed the Board that the off-season of the legislative session has been active and they are continuing to monitor conversations that pertain to Indiana horse racing. Adam informed the Board that he attended the Hope Policy Summit and said he felt that the horse racing industry was brought to the attention of the legislators.

The Mike Braun event is set at Horseshoe Indianapolis on October 25 from 12:30-3:00 p.m. and all breeds will be having a meeting at the ISA Office to make final preparations on September 17.

4. 2026 ELECTION UPDATE

John DeLong reminded everyone that September 12 is the end of the 21 day nomination period for 2026 Directors.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. BACKSIDE HEALTH CARE/EMERGENCY BENEFIT – Jay Hochstetler

Tony Renz reported that the ISA Clinic received new tinting on their windows and that they are considering moving the flu shots to the track kitchen during flu shot season for better access to all horsemen and women.

b. BACKSIDE IMPROVEMENTS/RCFAC UPDATE – Robert Taylor

Robert Taylor reported that the new fencing is complete around the jog track at Hoosier Park and Teena Walden is getting a list together of ongoing projects.

c. BREEDERS/OWNERS/SALES – Doug Rideout.

Jamie Macomber gave a brief update regarding the sale and said that catalogs are at the printers and will be available soon. She said that the mixed portion of the sale is still open and they currently have 60 brood mares consigned, along with 15 racehorses. Jamie said that the sale will stay open until its filled and they have room. Also, she said the sale is going on the EquineLine app. soon.

Tony Renz reported that they are changing the preview night to Hoosier Park and all consignors and buyers will be invited to the Hoosier Park Outdoor Patio with Elrod Schmucker's chicken available for dinner. Invitations for the Preview Night dinner on Wednesday, October 15, are being sent out by the sale company to all buyers and consignors.

Tony Renz suggested a dual ad be purchased in Tim Konkle's magazine advertising the Elrod Schmucker dinner on preview night of October 15 and ISA Breeder's Night on October 16 at Hoosier Park. Emily Dever made a Motion to purchase an ad in the Midwest Harness Report in the amount of \$650.00. Robert Taylor seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

d. BUDGET/FINANCE – Rhys Helt

ISA Treasurer Rhys Helt informed the Board that the ISA Recognition was completed and sent to the Commission and we are waiting their response.

e. COLLEGE ASSISTANCE – Zach Miller – No report.

f. COMMISSION RELATIONS – Tony Renz

Tony Renz reported that the Commission Relations Committee will meet with interim Executive Director Mike Smith on Wednesday. Also, he said the ISA is almost finished with their annual report to be presented at the next IHRC meeting scheduled for Monday, October 28, at Horseshoe Indianapolis. Tony said that they hope to make the report accessible to all ISA members to show all activities and programs put on by the ISA.

g. FAIR RACING – Doug Rideout

Doug Rideout reported fair racing at Portland is this week and the remaining three races will be held at Corydon, Kentland and Frankfort, respectively.

h. GRANTS- Zach Miller – No report.

i. MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTIONS – Emily Dever.

Emily reported that the ISA membership is currently 980. She also said the State Fair Barn Tours were a success and that approximately 22,000 went through the barn.

Tony Renz informed the Board of the following:

*Grattan is beginning to receive orders for the helmet benefit.

*Community Night is scheduled for September 27 and the ISA will again be purchasing filled backpacks. Robert Taylor made a Motion for the ISA to purchase 10 backpacks in an amount up to \$1,000. Jay Hochstetler seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

*Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 25 at Hoosier and the ISA will again be purchasing candy to pass out. Carrie Hollman made a Motion for the ISA to purchase candy in an amount up to \$500.00. Doug Rideout seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

*Carrie Hollman told the Board that she would like the ISA to have a table at the upcoming horse sale and she would like to make Halloween treat bags for the children attending. Rhys Helt made a Motion for the ISA to spend up to \$300 for Halloween treat bags for the children at the sale. Jamie Macomber seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

*The FFA Convention is coming up on October 29, 20 and 31st and the ISA will have a table at the Convention.

*Robert Taylor reported that he will be hosting a few kids from the FFA Convention at his farm.

*Tony spoke to the Board regarding a potential sponsorship opportunity with the Final Third Cigar Lounge. After board discussion, the sponsorship will be tabled for now until the budget is reviewed.

*The ISA Christmas Dinner was set for December 1 and the location will be determined soon.

j. PARI-MUTUEL- John DeLong.

John DeLong presented the Board with the proposed 2026 Race Date Calendar. Jamie Macomber made a Motion to move forward with the proposed 2026 Race Date Calendar contingent upon the IHRC's approval and Hoosier Park's guarantee to make track facilities suitable by February. Chad Clark seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

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

Jay Hochstetler spoke to the Board regarding the Stallion Directory and improvements the Committee will be making to the Directory.

V. NEW BUSINESS.

John DeLong informed the Board that he and his wife, Tabatha, are planning an afternoon program called Marvelous Monday's. They will be hosting some underprivileged kids to spend a few hours at their farm interacting with their horses. Jamie Macomber made a Motion for the ISA to contribute \$800 towards the dinner catered by Elrod Schmucker. Carrie Hollman seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

It was also discussed that the November ISA meeting will need to be rescheduled due to the Hall of Fame Banquet. The date of the November meeting will be announced at the October ISA Board meeting.

Tony Renz informed the Board that Sarah Boggs' term on the Purdue University Equine Research Alliance Board has ended and Emily Dever volunteered to take over the vacant spot for the 3-year term.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

Jay Hochstetler made a Motion to adjourn. Jamie Macomber seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kristi Collett, Office Manager