

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING (DRAFT)**  
**THE INDIANA STANDARD BRED ASSOCIATION**  
**Monday, April 18, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**ISA Office, Greenfield, Indiana**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Jack Kieninger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Directors present were President Jack Kieninger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Richard Keaton, Secretary Susan Askren, Treasurer Nat Hill IV, Jeff Edwards, Joe Essig Jr., James Johnson, Ross Leonard, Alvin Miller, Dennis Petty, Doug Rideout, Jacob Smith, and John Tanner. ISA Office Manager Lisa Krise and ISA Benevolence Administrator Kristi Comstock were also present. A quorum was present. ISA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Joe Putnam, and ISA Director, Mike Merkel, were not present.

Guests attending: IHRC Executive Director, Mike Smith, State Rep. Robert Cherry, ISA Lobbyist, Mike McDaniel, Jeri Kieninger and Melissa Essig.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ,March 21, 2016.**

Motion by Richard Keaton to approve Minutes of the March 21, 2016 Regular meeting. Seconded by Jeff Edwards. Motion carried.

**IV. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES-March 1, 2016 – April 1, 2016.**

Motion by James Johnson to approve Account Expenditures from March 1, 2016 – April 1, 2016. Richard Keaton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**V. MEETING AGENDA**

**PRESIDENTS REMARKS-**

President Kieninger welcomed the guests that were in attendance at the meeting, including Executive Director of the IHRC, Mike Smith, State Rep. Robert Cherry, and ISA Lobbyist, Mike McDaniel.

IHRC Executive Director, Mike Smith, introduced himself and thanked the Board for inviting him to attend the meeting. Mike Smith stressed to the Board that he felt we had a great program and expressed his desire for great communication and total transparency to make the racing program the best in North America. He said he felt that the momentum was going great and that the exposure will be positive, especially with the new simulcasts in Las Vegas.

He spoke to the Board about some new changes, including new lab and testing procedures. He also let the Board know that the Commission is in the process of implementing new ways to communicate with the horsemen, including text

messages, emails and Twitter. Mike said he has already made some changes per our requests, including security gate issues.

The Board expressed a desire to Mike Smith for a list of medication withdrawal times to better help the horsemen. Mike Smith indicated that he had been working a bit with the RCI on these issues.

Mike Smith reported that he had met with the veterinarians and he thought we were on the same page as far as testing. He indicated it is going to take a little bit of time to attempt to make the changes requested.

Mike Smith also informed the Board that the next IHRC meeting will be held at June 8 at 9:00 a.m. at Hoosier Park. Additional dates scheduled are September 14 at Indiana Grand and December 6 tentatively at the State Fairgrounds.

State Rep. Bob Cherry introduced himself and said that he felt that Mike Smith is a huge credit to the industry. Rep. Cherry said he expects good things down the road and he has had no complaints in the past 10 weeks. He also credited Mike McDaniel as a huge warrior for the issues of the Standardbred industry. Representative Cherry said that he fully supported the industry and said if there was any way he could help to please let him know.

ISA Lobbyist Mike McDaniel spoke to the Board about the great selection of IHRC Executive Director, Mike Smith. He said that Mike Smith is interested in both promoting and working with the industry and not against the industry. He also complimented Rep. Robert Cherry on being a champion for the Standardbred industry.

1. BREEDERS CROWN MEETING: President Kieninger reported on the recent meeting with IHRC Executive Director Mike Smith at Hoosier Park, including discussions regarding the Breeder's Crown. Jack said that they plan to make a full presentation to the Commission later on in the year and that things were going well.
2. HALL OF FAME CONTRIBUTION: President Kieninger made a Motion for the ISA to make a \$1,000 donation to the New York Standardbred Hall of Fame. Jeff Edwards seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

## **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. BREEDERS/OWNERS/SALES – Jeff Edwards. No report.
- b. BUDGET/FINANCE – Nat Hill, IV.  
Treasurer Nat Hill presented the Board with reports regarding the purse account. Nat reported the slots were up 1% at Indiana Downs

and up 3% at Hoosier Park. He also reported on the Breeder's Crown and the Hambletonian races.

- c. FAIR RACING- Doug Rideout.  
No report other than the Elite nominations are still being processed.
- d. GRANT- Jacob Smith.  
Jacob Smith informed the Board that the Grant Committee met this past week and reviewed the grant applications. Jacob indicated that 15 grants were approved by the committee, including 7 county fairs. Richard Keaton made a Motion to approve the grant application requests as recommended by the Grant Committee. Susan Askren seconded. Motion carried.
- e. INSURANCE/BENEFITS-Mike Merkel.  
It was reported that the Clinic numbers are up so far and that a Horsemen's Picnic at the Clinic is tentatively being planned in April.
- f. EMERGENCY BENEFIT - James Johnson.  
James Johnson reported that no emergency requests were made this past month.
- g. MEMBERSHIP- Susan Askren.  
Susan Askren reported that the ISA currently has 892 members at this time. Susan reported that the ISA membership night went extremely well. Richard Keaton reported that the luncheon went well with the Trainers, Drivers and Owners and was well attended.
- h. PARI-MUTUEL- Doug Rideout.  
Doug Rideout reported that he has not heard any complaints and that the track looks good. He said there has only been one accident.  
  
Ross Leonard addressed the Board and Mike Smith regarding some concerns about the first offense fine for a whipping offense. Mike Smith briefly addressed the issue and said he would look further into matter.
- i. POLITICAL ACTION- Jack Kieninger. No report.
- j. PROMOTIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS-Susan Askren.  
Susan reported that there was a delay for the ISA Campsite giveaway due to scheduling problems with Hoosier Park and that will be rescheduled at a later date. Susan also reported that a meeting is scheduled on Wednesday regarding adding on to the Standardbred video that was created previously to attempt to show more of the industry as a whole.

k. PUBLICATIONS/WEBSITE-Joe Putnam.

Jack Kieninger gave a brief update indicating that the next issue is on time and scheduled to be out in May.

l. SCHOLARSHIP/ASSISTANCE- Richard Keaton.

Richard Keaton reported the scholarship deadline is July 15, 2016 and indicated the application was available online.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

Jack Kieninger spoke to the Board about a request from Hoosier Park for all breeds to go in together to help pay for the TVG coverage, which include 6 primetime dates televised at either Hoosier Park or Indiana Grand. Jeff Edwards made a Motion for the Standardbreds to allocate \$15,000 to help pay for their portion of the TVG coverage. Richard Keaton seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Jack Kieninger informed the Board that due to a city ordinance, the ISA will not be able to put stone down for additional parking at the new office. Jack said it will be necessary to concrete or pave the additional area for parking. One bid has been received for the approximate amount of \$14,850.00. The Board agreed that the need to purchase the property next to the office will no longer be necessary. Jack indicated that he believes we can get a lower bid and asked for a Board vote to proceed. Richard Keaton made a Motion to spend up to the amount of \$14,850.00 for the concrete for additional parking at the ISA office. Jeff Edwards seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

Jack Kieninger spoke to the Board about the need to restock the medical kit in the Paddock at Hoosier Park and that the cost will be approximately \$500.00. Jeff Edwards made a Motion to restock the medical kit at Hoosier Park in the approximate sum of \$500.00. Doug Rideout seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

**IX. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next ISA meeting is set for May 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the ISA Office, Greenfield, Indiana.

**X. ADJOURNMENT.**

John Tanner made a Motion to adjourn. Richard Keaton seconded the Motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by: Kristi Comstock, Benevolence Administrator  
(Prepared for Lisa Krise, Office Manager)**