

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING (DRAFT)
THE INDIANA STANDARD BRED ASSOCIATION
Monday, August 15, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.
ISA Office, Greenfield, Indiana

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Jack Kieninger called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Directors present were President Jack Kieninger, 2nd Vice President Richard Keaton, Secretary Susan Askren, Treasurer Nat Hill, IV, Joe Essig, Jr., Mike Merkel, Dennis Petty, Jacob Smith, Doug Rideout and John Tanner. ISA Office Manager Lisa Krise, ISA Benevolence Administrator Kristi Comstock and ISA Attorney Roger Young were also present. A quorum was present.

ISA Directors Jeff Edwards, James Johnson, Ross Leonard, Alvin Miller and 1st Vice President Joe Putnam were not present.

Guests attending were Jeri Kieninger, Alan White and ISA Lobbyist Mike McDaniel.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 18, 2016.

Motion by Richard Keaton to approve Minutes of the July 18, 2016 Regular meeting. Seconded by Susan Askren. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES-July 1, 2016 – August 1, 2016.

Motion by Richard Keaton to approve Account Expenditures from July 1, 2016 – August 1, 2016. Doug Rideout seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. MEETING AGENDA

1. Jack Kieninger presented a copy to the Board of the proposed 2017 Budget to be submitted with the ISA's Recognition. Mike Merkel gave a report on the changes that were made to the Benevolence account. John Tanner made a Motion to approve the proposed 2017 budget to be submitted with the ISA's 2017 Recognition. Richard Keaton seconded the Motion. Motion carried.
2. Richard Keaton gave a report on the nominations he has received so far for the 2017 Board of Directors, those being Jeff Cullipher, Chad Gooding, Nat Hill, IV, Ross Leonard, Alvin Miller, Joe Putnam, Doug Rideout, Jacob Smith and Alan White.
3. President Kieninger discussed appointing a Salary Review Committee and suggested that it should consist of the ISA Executive Committee.
4. President Kieninger spoke to the Board about an open house at the new ISA office on Monday, September 26, 2016. The ISA office will begin preparations with

catering, parking arrangements, entertainment, invitations, etc. Mike McDaniel will coordinate with the ISA office for legislative invitations.

PRESIDENTS REMARKS-

President Kieninger reported on the Hambletonian that he recently attended and said that the ISA was very well received. He reported that ISA Director Joe Essig, Jr. and his wife, Melissa, also attended. Richard Keaton made a Motion for the ISA to reimburse the expenses of Joe and Melissa Essig. Mike Merkel seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

President Kieninger invited all Board members to attend a meeting with Ed Martin from RCI. This meeting will be held at Hoosier Park on September 13 at 2:30 p.m.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. BREEDERS/OWNERS/SALES – Jeff Edwards. No report.
President Kieninger reminded the Board of the Hoosier Classic Sale on October 28 and 29, 2016.
- b. BUDGET/FINANCE – Nat Hill, IV.
Treasurer Nat Hill, IV presented the Board with graphs and gave a report on the AGR for Hoosier Park and Indiana Downs.
- c. FAIR RACING- Doug Rideout.
Doug Rideout reported on the Indiana State Fair races recently held. He also reported that the Elite race is set for August 29, 2016.
- d. GRANT- Jacob Smith.
Jacob Smith reported that the grants are almost completed and that three (3) fairs are taking advantage of the promotion money offered by the ISA.
- e. INSURANCE/BENEFITS-Mike Merkel.
No other report, other than report concerning the Benevolence budget at beginning of the meeting.
- f. EMERGENCY BENEFIT - James Johnson.
Jack Kieninger reported that he had spoken to James Johnson, who was unable to attend the meeting, and that he had received no requests for emergency benefits.
- g. MEMBERSHIP- Susan Askren.
Susan Askren reported that the ISA currently has 1167 members at this time. Susan informed the Board that the horsemen's picnic was well attended and everyone seemed to have a great time. Hats were given away by the ISA and Hoosier Park and a corn hole tournament was held. Susan spoke with the

Board about the annual Standardbred banquet to be held in 2017 and it was decided that the ISA would try to obtain a DJ, rather than a band.

h. PARI-MUTUEL- Doug Rideout.

Doug reported that a pari-mutuel meeting was held last Wednesday and that a lot of complaints were addressed concerning the track. He reported that new material was approved and hopefully that will help with the problems. He also spoke about an accident last week and that the drivers could not see the warning lights. They are looking at fixing that issue, along with replacing the speakers in the Paddock. The issue of a side door of the paddock is being addressed and Gary Wolfe will be raising that up in the near future. Doug also reported that the John Deere Gator needs serviced and possibly needs new tires.

i. POLITICAL ACTION- Jack Kieninger.

ISA Lobbyist Mike McDaniel informed the Board that he had received a call from Rick Cochran, who represents the Thoroughbred Association, regarding lobbying for them against a potential new casino going into the old Indianapolis Airport facility. Mike McDaniel recommended that the Standardbred Association join with the Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse Association in a letter in opposition of the new casino. Nat Hill made a Motion for the ISA to join in the letter to the Airport Authority Board in opposition of building a casino at the old Indianapolis Airport. Susan Askren seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

j. PROMOTIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS-Susan Askren.

Susan Askren reported that she is working with Hoosier Park on a couple different promotions, including a Bicentennial event on September 21-23 for 4th graders to educate them about harness racing and an event to celebrate Veterans. Susan said that they are also still working on a Trainer loyalty promotion. Susan reported that the fractional ownership program is going really well.

k. PUBLICATIONS/WEBSITE-Joe Putnam. No report.

l. SCHOLARSHIP/ASSISTANCE- Richard Keaton.

Richard Keaton reported that the ISA had received 6 scholarship assistance applications and 5 Fall college assistance applications. After discussion, the Committee sent out \$4,000 each to the scholarship recipients and \$1,500 each to the Fall college assistance recipients.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

President Kieninger requested the Board to sign certifications to be attached to the 2017 ISA Recognition.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next ISA meeting is set for September 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the ISA Office, Greenfield, Indiana.

X. ADJOURNMENT.

John Tanner made a Motion to adjourn. Susan Askren seconded the Motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

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