

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING (DRAFT)
THE INDIANA STANDARD BRED ASSOCIATION
Monday, February 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, 1st Vice President Joe Putnam, 2nd Vice President Richard Keaton, Secretary Susan Askren, Joe Essig, Jr., James Johnson, Ross Leonard, Dennis Petty, Doug Rideout and Jacob Smith. ISA Office Manager Lisa Krise and ISA Benevolence Administrator Kristi Comstock were also present. A quorum was present.

ISA Directors Jeff Edwards, Treasurer Nat Hill, IV, Mike Merkel, Alvin Miller and John Tanner were not present.

Guests attending: Rose Breekha and Missy Essig.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 15, 2016.

Motion by Joe Putnam to approve Minutes of the February 15, 2016 Regular meeting. Seconded by Richard Keaton. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES- January 1, 2016 – February 1, 2016.

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

V. MEETING AGENDA

PRESIDENTS REMARKS-

President Kieninger reported on the Contract Meeting with the Executive Board at Hoosier Park. He indicated that only the dates were changed in the 2016 contract. The contract will need to be approved by the ISA Board and then approved by the Commission. The contract will then come back to the Board for signature. Joe Putnam made a Motion to accept the 2016 Contract with Hoosier Park as proposed. Susan Askren seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

President Kieninger informed the Board that he was approached by Jessica Barnes from the IHRC to invite 3 or 4 members of the ISA Board to attend a

meeting with the new Executive Director, Mike Smith. President Kieninger indicated that he would like Doug Rideout (Chairman of the Pari-Mutuel Committee), Joe Putnam (1st Vice President), Richard Keaton (2nd Vice President) and Nat Hill, IV (Treasurer) to attend the meeting with him. Mike Smith indicated he is also be willing to attend an upcoming ISA Board meeting in the near future to introduce himself and answer any questions.

President Kieninger asked Lisa Krise, Officer Manager, to give a brief update on the new ISA office. Lisa reported that painting had been started and the contractor had been chosen. The contractor anticipates having the work completed by April 1. The Board asked about the status of purchasing the lot next to the new office and it was decided to wait to see if the price goes down in the future.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. BREEDERS/OWNERS/SALES – Jeff Edwards.

No report.

- b. BUDGET/FINANCE – Nat Hill, IV.

No report.

- c. FAIR RACING- Doug Rideout.

Doug Rideout informed the Board that the ISA Elite race was changed to Monday, August 29, 2016 due to the State Fair schedule.

- d. GRANT- Jacob Smith.

Jacob Smith informed the Board that the grant packets went out February 5 and are due back March 31. The committee will then meet and go through them at the beginning of April.

- e. INSURANCE/BENEFITS-Mike Merkel.

Richard Keaton informed the Board that the committee has a meeting scheduled with Community Hospital on February 23 and will report more at the next meeting.

- f. EMERGENCY BENEFIT - James Johnson.

James Johnson reported that he had not received any requests this month.

- g. MEMBERSHIP- Susan Askren.

Susan Askren reported that the ISA currently has 168 members. Susan inquired with the Board about acquiring the same band for next year's banquet or if they wanted to look into hiring a DJ.

- h. PARI-MUTUEL- Doug Rideout.
Doug Rideout reported that the move-in dates are set for March 12 and 13. The first qualifiers will be March 16 and every Wednesday and Saturday until March 30, which will be the night qualifiers. Doug reported the first day of racing will be April 1 and that the committee has a meeting this Friday at Hoosier Park. Jack Kieninger reported to the Board that a contract was being prepared for the new Horsemen's Representative, Joe Thompson, and that Joe is planning on being here on March 12. Joe Putnam reported that the track conditions seem to be looking good and that the passing lane is supposed to be ready by the opening of the meet.
- i. POLITICAL ACTION- Jack Kieninger.
Jack Kieninger reported on the current status of the fantasy gaming bill.
- j. PROMOTIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS-Susan Askren.
Susan Askren reported that she met with Emily and Becky from Hoosier Park to plan promotions for the year. She informed the Board that an ISA membership night is being planned during the opening week of the track. She will report further at the next meeting.
- k. PUBLICATIONS/WEBSITE-Joe Putnam.
Joe Putnam announced that the ISA has a new publicist, Tammy Knox. Joe reported that Tammy has an issue almost ready to be printed. Joe said they are hoping to get the first issue out this week and will be planning out the remainder of the publication dates in the future.
- l. SCHOLARSHIP/ASSISTANCE- Richard Keaton.
Richard Keaton reported that the three (3) college assistance applicants will receive their checks this week. Richard said the committee is proposing a change in the amounts for college assistance and scholarship recipients. Richard said the proposed change would be \$1,500 for college assistance recipients per semester and \$4,000 per year for scholarship recipients. As it is currently set up, the college assistance recipients receive \$1,500 per semester and the scholarship recipients receive \$3,000 per year. The scholarship committee feel that the two categories should not be the same amount per year, as it is based on the students' GPA's and other requirements. Richard Keaton made a Motion for the college assistance recipients to receive \$1,500 per semester and the scholarship recipients to receive \$4,000 per year. Susan Askren seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

James Johnson spoke to the Board about purchasing blankets again this year for the Sire Stakes leg winners and indicated that the blankets would cost a little over \$4,000. James Johnson made a Motion to purchase 40 blankets for the Sire Stakes leg winners. Susan Askren seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next ISA meeting is set for March 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the ISA Office, Greenfield, Indiana.

X. ADJOURNMENT.

Richard Keaton made a Motion to adjourn. Doug Rideout seconded the Motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:57 p.m.

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