

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING (DRAFT)
THE INDIANA STANDARD BRED ASSOCIATION
Monday, February 20, 2017
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, 1st Vice President, Joe Putnam, 2nd Vice President, Richard Keaton, Secretary, Susan Askren, Treasurer, Nat Hill, IV, Jeff Cullipher, Chad Gooding, Mike Merkel, Alvin Miller, Dennis Petty, Doug Rideout and Jacob Smith. Lisa Krise, ISA Office Manager and Kristi Comstock, ISA Benevolence Administrator were also present. A quorum was present. ISA Directors Joe Essig, Jr., Ross Leonard and John Tanner were absent. Guests attending included ISA Lobbyist, Mike McDaniel.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 20, 2017.

Motion by Richard Keaton to approve Minutes of the February 20, 2017 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Doug Rideout. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES- January 1, 2017 – February 1, 2017.

Motion by Joe Putnam to approve Account Expenditures from January 1, 2017 – February 1, 2017. Richard Keaton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. MEETING AGENDA

PRESIDENTS REMARKS-

President Kieninger spoke to the Board regarding a contract meeting with Hoosier Park. The contract will be the same as last year, however, Hoosier Park would like to incorporate two addendums into the current contract. The same addendums were approved by the ISA Board and Racing Commission last year concerning cutting the amount of takeout on the Hoosier Hi-Five and Pick 4 and supplementing Hoosier Park to help them with the HD Broadcast.

Susan Askren made a Motion to approve incorporating the two addendums approved last year into the current contract with Hoosier Park. Richard Keaton seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Nat Hill, IV made a Motion to continue to supplement HDTV with Hoosier Park. Doug Rideout seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Mike Merkel made a Motion to approve and authorize President Kieninger to sign the contract with Hoosier Park incorporating the two addendums. Richard Keaton seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Richard Keaton made a Motion to do the Pick 4 again this year due to the new later post time of 6:30 p.m. Susan Askren seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

President Kieninger spoke to the Board about next year's banquet and if we should go back to the Indiana Roof Ballroom again or change it to Hoosier Park. After Board discussion, it was decided that we would again have the 2017 banquet at the Indiana Roof Ballroom on February 3, 2018.

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. BREEDERS/OWNERS/SALES – No report.
- b. BUDGET/FINANCE – Nat Hill IV.
Treasurer Nat Hill presented the board with graphs and reported on the AGR from 2009 through 2016 for Indiana Downs and Hoosier Park.
- c. FAIR RACING- Doug Rideout-No report.
- d. GRANT- Jacob Smith.
Jacob Smith reported that he had spoken to Jessica Barnes and that they had hired an additional person that would be willing to help set up some radio spots or newspaper ads for fair racing.
- e. INSURANCE/BENEFITS-Mike Merkel.
Mike Merkel presented the Board with a report regarding the Dental Optical program. Mike outlined the proposed changes in coverage with Renaissance that will reduce the ISA's cost for the program. Mike Merkel made a Motion to approve the new optical/dental changes to help reduce the costs of the program. Nat Hill seconded the Motion. Motion carried.
- f. EMERGENCY BENEFITS-Jacob Smith.
Jacob Smith reported that no emergency requests were made this past month.

- g. MEMBERSHIP- Susan Askren.
Susan confirmed that the date of the banquet at the Indiana Roof Ballroom will be February 3, 2018. Susan reported that the ISA currently has 305 members so far for 2017.
- h. PARI-MUTUEL- Doug Rideout.
Joe Putnam reported on some changes to the condition races that in the past were based on earnings the last 5 starts. However, they will now try to do the last 4 starts to allow people to try to move up and down the ladder a little quicker. Also, in the past they have given a 15% allowance for Indiana Sired and this year they are probably not going to do that at all. He also reported on the purse structure for this year and a meeting that they are setting up with the starter.
- i. POLITICAL ACTION- Jack Kieninger.
ISA Lobbyist Mike McDaniel spoke to the Board regarding a delay in the ADW bill and the plans to open up all gaming legislation at the next session after they find out the impact of the new casino in South Bend, Indiana.
- j. PROMOTIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS-Susan Askren.
Susan reported on the recent promotions meeting with Hoosier Park. Hoosier Park will be hosting an ISA night at the Races on May 13, 2017. Also, they are looking at having the Girl Scouts again sometime in June. The next promotions meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2017 at noon at Hoosier Park.
- k. PUBLICATIONS/WEBSITE-Joe Putnam
Joe Putnam reported that the next magazine will be coming out next week and it should be an 80 page magazine.
- l. SCHOLARSHIP/ASSISTANCE- Richard Keaton – No report.

2. NEW BUSINESS

President Kieninger spoke to the Board regarding having a large old tree taken down along the driveway that is unsafe and may damage the garage and new concrete if it is not removed. The ISA office has received a quote to take the tree down and grind the stump down for the amount of \$1,500.00. Also, the ISA office has received a quote from the current lawn service to remove the small trees and brush along the fence line of the property in the amount of \$1,150. Richard Keaton made a Motion to hire both companies to do the work for the total amount of \$2,650.00. Doug Rideout seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

President Kieninger also mentioned that Mike Smith from the Commission would like to schedule a meeting with the drivers and the judges on March 1 to go over all of the rules. Due to the Las Vegas banquet, President Kieninger informed Mike that some may not be able to make it and would like to work on another date before the meet starts.

President Kieninger spoke to the Board regarding the Indiana Gaming Insight Publication and possibly getting a subscription for 15 copies for the amount of \$1,000.00. The ISA is currently paying \$375.00 for one copy, which cannot be copied. Jack Kieninger made a motion to subscribe to the Indiana Gaming Insight publication in the amount of \$1,000 for 15 copies. Richard Keaton seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

3. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next ISA meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the ISA Office, Greenfield, Indiana.

4. ADJOURNMENT.

Joe Putnam made a motion to adjourn. Richard Keaton seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Respectfully submitted by:

**Kristi Comstock, Benevolence Administrator
(Prepared for Lisa Krise, Office Manager)**