MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING (DRAFT)
THE INDIANA STANDARDBRED ASSOCIATION
Monday, May 3, 2021
ISA Office
Greenfield, Indiana

I. CALL TO ORDER
1st Vice President Richard Keaton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL
Directors present were 1st Vice President Richard Keaton, 2nd Vice President Dennis Petty, Secretary Emily Dever, Treasurer Chad Gooding, Brandon Bates, Sarah Conrad, Jeff Cullipher, Randy Hatton, Matt Rheinheimer, Doug Rideout, Robert Taylor, and Alan White. President Joe Putnam, Directors John DeLong and Wilbur Eash were not present. A quorum was present. ISA Office Manager, Lisa Krise, and ISA Attorney, Roger Young, were also present. ISA Benevolence Administrator, Kristi Comstock, was not present. Guests: ISA Lobbyist Michael McDaniel and ISA Horsemen’s Representative Joe Essig, Jr.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 5, 2021.
Motion by Randy Hatton to approve Minutes of the April 5, 2021 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Dennis Petty. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES-April 1, 2021- May 1, 2021.
There was a discussion regarding the internet service at Hoosier Park. It was agreed by the Board to cancel services at this time. A motion was made by Emily Dever to approve Account Expenditures from April 1, 2021 – May 1, 2021. Dennis Petty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. MEETING AGENDA

PRESIDENTS REMARKS- None

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS
   b. BREEDERS/OWNERS/SALES – Emily Dever – No report.
c. BUDGET/FINANCE – Chad Gooding.
The Board discussed and selected a committee to oversee the ADW funds. The committee will meet to come up with suggestions to see if there are better ways to allocate the ADW funds. Chair: Alan White. Committee: Brandon Bates, Emily Dever, Randy Hatton and Robert Taylor.

d. COLLEGE ASSISTANCE – Richard Keaton – No report.

e. EMERGENCY BENEFITS – Dennis Petty.
Dennis Petty reported that the ISA had one $3,000 benefit recipient.

f. FAIR RACING – Doug Rideout
Doug Rideout reported that the ISA had received 250 Elite nominations, which is up 30 horses from last year. A motion was made by Emily Dever to approve up to $20,000 to cover the fair videos for the 2021 fair racing season. Doug Rideout seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

g. GRANTS - Sarah Conrad – No report.

h. MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTIONS – Emily Dever.
Emily Dever reported that the current ISA membership is 764. Emily reported that we will need to pick a date for the ISA night. It was suggested to look at a Saturday in July.

i. PARI-MUTUEL- Jeff Cullipher.
Jeff Cullipher reported record handles.

j. POLITICAL ACTION- Chad Gooding.
ISA Lobbyist Mike McDaniel has spoken with the Governor about attending this year’s Governor’s Cup races August 12, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. He also discussed with the Governor if he would host a Horsemen’s Dinner at the Governor’s residence and the Governor agreed. The ISA Board approved Mike to proceed with the event. Mike mentioned that it will likely be August 7 or 8 and would host 150-200 people. Mike also reported he has been in contact with the Indiana Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, who is also the Commissioner of Agriculture, and has asked her to attend a future ISA meeting. Sarah Conrad reported she attended the first Responsible Gaming Committee meeting. Other attendees were Rick Moore and Deena Pitman. Sarah reported that a discussion was held to set up standards for responsible gamers.
k. PUBLICATIONS/WEBSITE- Alan White.
   Alan White reported that he is working on putting together track records for each of the county fairs to be put on the ISA website. There was also discussion about outsourcing fair program printing to allow extra information to be included in each fair program. Lisa will be checking into getting quotes.

2. NEW BUSINESS.

a. The ISA board discussed contacting the IHRC to request the updated purse account report. Randy Hatton made a motion for 1st Vice President, Richard Keaton to reach out to Jessica Barnes to request last year’s purse account report through April 15th of this year as well as last year’s year end report. Sarah Conrad seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. The board also discussed page 44, paragraph 16 of the Final Order of Eldorado’s application with the Commission whereas ERI agrees to fund an additional purse increase of one million dollars for each of the three consecutive years (2020-2022) to increase purses in consultation with the registered horsemen’s associations. The board asked 1st Vice President, Richard Keaton to check with Deena Pittman to find out the current status of those funds.

c. The board continued discussion on the Final Order of Eldorado’s application with the Commission specifically concerning pages 44-45, paragraph 17 in regards to off season training as well as the capital fund escrow account. After discussion Brandon Bates made a motion for 1st Vice President, Richard Keaton to send a letter to Rick Moore, Joe Morris and Deena Pittman proposing winter training at Hoosier Park beginning at the conclusion of the 2021 race meet through March 2022 and thereafter as per the contractual agreement with ERI. Dennis Petty seconded the motion. Motion carried with 1 vote in opposition. After further discussion, Robert Taylor proposed that a committee be formed to work on prioritizing a backside improvement list. The board agreed and selected a committee. Chair: Robert Taylor. Committee: Jeff Cullipher and Matt Rheinheimer.

d. Randy Hatton made a motion for the ISA to cover the expense of approximately $1,000 to run 220 power to Gary Wilcox’s trailer (repair shop) that sits on the backside at Hoosier Park. Sarah Conrad seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

e. There was brief discussion concerning the ISA gator driver. Jeff Cullipher and Randy Hatton will be reviewing his contract with him specifically in regards to safety.

f. ISA Horsemen’s Representative Joe Essig Jr. asked for approval from the board to proceed with setting up the annual ISA horsemen’s golf outing as well as the ISA bowling night. Chad Gooding made a motion to approve the request. Sarah Conrad seconded the motion. Motion carried.

g. Robert Taylor mentioned the horsemen have been asking if fishing would be allowed this year on Monday’s if they sign a liability waiver. Lisa will contact Rick Moore to see if that will be allowed.

3. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next ISA meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the ISA office.

4. ADJOURNMENT.

Randy Hatton made a motion to adjourn. Sarah Conrad seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Lisa Krise, Office Manager