

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THE INDIANA STANDARD BRED ASSOCIATION
Monday, November 6, 2023
ISA Office, Greenfield, Indiana**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President, John DeLong, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Directors present were President John DeLong, ISA 1st Vice President, Robert Taylor, 2nd Vice President Doug Rideout, Secretary Emily Dever, Randy Hatton, Jay Hochstetler, Zach Miller, Dennis Petty, Matt Rheinheimer, Alan White, John Wilson and James Yoder. ISA Directors Sarah Conrad, Ernie Gaskin and Chad Gooding were not present. Kristi Collett, Office Manager, Tony Renz, ISA Executive Director, Adam Kallick, ISA Support Lobbyist, Roger Young, ISA Attorney and PD Huffman, ISA Horsemen's Representative, were also present. Lisa Krise, ISA Accounts Manager and Mike McDaniel, ISA Lobbyist were not present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 2, 2023

Motion by Zach Miller to approve Minutes of the October 2, 2023 Regular Meeting. Randy Hatton seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES – October 1, 2023 to November 1, 2023.

Motion by Randy Hatton to approve Account Expenditures from October 1, 2023 – November 1, 2023. Zach Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. MEETING AGENDA

1. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMARKS

ISA Executive Director, Tony Renz, reported that the Breeder's Crown went very well and that he is working on a reconciliation as to the actual cost to the horsemen.

3. ISA LOBBYIST MIKE MCDANIEL REPORT – No report.

4. ISA SUPPORT LOBBYIST ADAM KALLICK

Adam Kallick reported that they have appointed Senator Jon Ford's replacement. Adam reported that a few members of the legislature attended the Breeder's Crown. He informed the Board that iGaming will not be brought up in the fall short session.

5. ISA ELECTION RESULTS

The results of the ISA Election were announced. The new 2023 At-Large ISA Directors are as follows: Chad Clark, John DeLong, Joe Essig, Jr., Randy Hatton and Robert Taylor.

The Board also voted on the replacement for Sarah Conrad in the Southern District. Sarah Conrad tendered her resignation as of the end of the year, December, 2023. Randy Hatton made a Motion to appoint John Merkel of Shelbyville, Indiana effective from January, 2024 through December, 2024. Jay Hochstetler seconded the Motion. Motion carried, with 1 opposed.

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John DeLong gave a brief report on the meeting with all breeds and the law firm of Ice Miller.

7. 2024 HORSEMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE CONTRACT

A brief discussion was held regarding opening up applications for the Horsemen's Representative contract. It was agreed to table the discussion until the January, 2024 meeting.

8. 2024 HORSEMEN'S CONTRACT

Tony Renz passed out the current draft of the 2024 Horsemen's Contract and President John DeLong went over all proposed changes.

9. LOBBYIST CONTRACTS

President John DeLong had a discussion with the Board regarding the 2024 Contract for ISA Lobbyist Mike McDaniel of Krieg DeVault. Randy Hatton made a Motion to renew the contract with ISA Lobbyist Mike McDaniel/Krieg DeVault for 2024. Emily Dever seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Zach Miller made a Motion to renew the contract with ISA Support Lobbyist, Adam Kallick, for 2024. Randy Hatton seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. BACKSIDE HEALTH CARE/EMERGENCY BENEFIT – Randy Hatton

Randy Hatton reported that everything is going well with the Clinic and that there are plenty of flu shots remaining.

b. BACKSIDE IMPROVEMENTS – Robert Taylor – No report.

John DeLong reported that they will be setting up a meeting soon in preparation for winter training.

c. BREEDERS/OWNERS/SALES – Alan White – No report.

d. BUDGET/FINANCE – Matt Rheinheimer

Treasurer Matt Rheinheimer reported that everything is going well with the budget.

e. COLLEGE ASSISTANCE – John Wilson

John Wilson reminded everyone that the Spring, 2024 College Assistance applications are due December 31, 2023.

f. FAIR RACING – Doug Rideout

Doug Rideout reported on a recent Breed Development and Advisory Board meeting, including discussions on budgets for Sire Stakes in 2024 and the Fair program. Another meeting will be held in 2 weeks to finalize everything.

g. GRANTS- Sarah Conrad – No report.

h. MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTIONS – Emily Dever

Emily Dever reported the current ISA Membership to be 830 members.

Emily presented the Board with the monthly marketing report from Larison Media and informed the Board that the past boosts done by Larison Media were helpful.

Emily reported that the booth at the FFA Convention and Fright Night at Hoosier Park went very well. An end of the meet Bowling Party has also been set for November 19.

i. PARI-MUTUEL – Matt Rheinheimer – No report.

j. POLITICAL ACTION- Chad Gooding – No report.

k. PUBLICATIONS/WEBSITE-Alan White.

Alan White reported he and his committee are working on the Stallion Directory that will be part of the December issue.

V. NEW BUSINESS.

Executive Director Tony Renz spoke to the Board regarding gas cards to be given to the Hoosier Park wait staff for their help in taking care of the horsemen at the Breeder's Crown. Emily Dever made a Motion for the ISA to purchase 20 \$25.00 gas cards for the Hoosier Park wait staff in appreciation for their help during the Breeder's Crown. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony also spoke the Board regarding a Chili Cookoff on Thursday, November 16 and asked if the ISA would be willing to donate 5 \$25.00 gift cards for the event. Emily Dever made a Motion for the ISA to purchase 5 \$25.00 gift cards for the Chili Cookoff. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

There was also a discussion of the upcoming Standardbred Breed Advisory Committee meeting and regarding the ISA By-Law Policy regarding resignation procedures.

Lastly, there was a discussion about the national news regarding the New Jersey veterinarian issue and integrity issues in the sport.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WENT INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next ISA meeting and Christmas Party is scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at The Depot, in Greenfield, Indiana.

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

Zach Miller made a Motion to adjourn. Emily Dever seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kristi Collett, Office Manager