

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THE INDIANA STANDARD BRED ASSOCIATION
Friday, February 9, 2024
ISA Office, Greenfield, Indiana**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President, John DeLong, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Directors present were President, John DeLong, Chad Clark, Ernie Gaskin, Randy Hatton, Jay Hochstetler, John Merkel, Zach Miller, Treasurer Matt Rheinheimer, 2nd Vice President Doug Rideout, 1st Vice President Robert Taylor, John Wilson and James Yoder. ISA Secretary, Emily Dever, ISA Directors, Joe Essig, Jr. and Alan White were not present. Kristi Collett, Office Manager, Tony Renz, ISA Executive Director, Adam Kallick, ISA Support Lobbyist, and John Young, Attorney, were also present. ISA Accounts Manager, Lisa Krise, and ISA Lobbyist, Mike McDaniel, were not present. Guest attending: Darla Gaskin.

III. MEETING AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 8, 2024

Motion by Doug Rideout to approve Minutes of the January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Randy Hatton. Motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES January 1, 2024 to February 1, 2024.

Motion by Zach Miller to approve Account Expenditures from January 1, 2024 – February 1, 2024. Randy Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President John DeLong reported on a recent meeting with the track management.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMARKS

5. ISA LOBBYIST MIKE MCDANIEL REPORT - No report.

6. ISA SUPPORT LOBBYIST ADAM KALLICK

Adam Kallick gave an update on the current legislative matters.

7. HORSEMEN'S REP./GATOR DRIVER/CHAPLAIN CONTRACTS

A discussion was held regarding the ISA Chaplain, Claudean Webb, and his desire to start on March 1, rather than April 1. John Merkel made a Motion to prepare the Contract for Claudean Webb with a start date of March 1, 2024. Jay Hochstetler seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

All Horsemen's Representative applications were reviewed and discussed. Zach Miller made a Motion to rehire P.D. Huffman for the ISA Horsemen's Rep. position. Robert Taylor seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

The Gator Driver applications were reviewed and discussed. Doug Rideout made a Motion to rehire April Neafus for the ISA Gator driver position. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

8. 2024 HORSEMEN'S CONTRACT

President John DeLong spoke to the Board regarding some additional proposed changes to the Horsemen's Contract with Hoosier Park. Jay Hochstetler made a Motion to proceed with signing the Hoosier Park contract after final changes have been made and approved by Executive Director, Tony Renz, and President, John DeLong. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

9. VICI UPDATE.

Executive Director, Tony Renz, spoke to the Board regarding VICI developments. Tony presented the Board with an opportunity for the ISA to hire an accounting/consulting firm to do a study to look at the financial impacts of VICI. Tony said that the firm would do the study for a fee of \$30,000. After Board discussion, Randy Hatton made a Motion for the ISA to enter into an agreement with Forvis Accounting/Consulting firm in an amount up to \$30,000. Matt Rheinheimer seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Robert Taylor made a motion for the ISA to sign in agreement the letter developed by all equine associations labeled as "Implications and Risks of Introducing a REIT into Indiana's Horse Racing Facilities". John Merkel seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

10. RCFAC UPDATE

Robert Taylor gave an update and reported that they have started renovations in the paddock and are working on the lights in the stalls.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. **BACKSIDE HEALTH CARE/EMERGENCY BENEFIT – Randy Hatton.**

Randy Hatton reported that everything is going well in the Clinic and they are staying pretty busy. Tony Renz reported that he had received a request from an ISA member for assistance with the funeral of her mother, who has been a long time ISA member. Zach Miller made a Motion for the ISA to donate \$2,000 towards the funeral costs. Doug Rideout seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

b. **BACKSIDE IMPROVEMENTS – Robert Taylor.**

It was reported that the track bought fans for the paddock.

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

d. **BUDGET/FINANCE – Matt Rheinheimer.**

Treasurer Matt Rheinheimer reported that everything was going well with the budget and President John DeLong read an email with financial updates from ISA Accounts Manager, Lisa Krise.

e. **COLLEGE ASSISTANCE – John Wilson**

John Wilson reported that the ISA had granted college assistance to 10 students. John also emphasized that grandparents do not meet the eligibility requirements for college assistance for the Fall of 2024 (due July 15, 2024).

f. FAIR RACING – Doug Rideout.

Tony Renz spoke to the Board regarding a proposal from Mark the Spot for the fair race broadcasts. John Wilson made a Motion to accept the proposal in the approximate amount of \$29,000, with Breed Development paying half the cost. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

g. GRANTS- Zach Miller

Zach Miller informed the Board that grant packets will be going out next week and the deadline for applications is March 15, 2024.

h. MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTIONS – Emily Dever.

Tony Renz spoke to the Board regarding doing a TopGolf Horsemen's golf event on April 2. He said that Hoosier Park is willing to split the cost with the ISA. The cap for attendees will be 125, with 100 of those being golfers. The total cost will be approximately \$8,000.00. Doug Rideout made a Motion for the ISA to pay half of the total cost of the TopGolf event. James Yoder seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony also reported that the Embassy Suites has a date available for the 2024 banquet for January 25, 2025. Jay Hochstetler made a Motion to book the Embassy Suites Noblesville for the 2024 banquet to be held on January 25, 2025. Zach Miller seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

i. PARI-MUTUEL- John DeLong.

John DeLong gave a detailed report for the Commission Relations Committee regarding a recent meeting with the Commission Staff, Joe Morris, Rick Moore and Scott Peine. Topics discussed were the 5 hour detention, blood gas and Lasix procedures, track rules, and veterinarian coverage. All topics are continuing to be discussed.

j. PUBLICATIONS/WEBSITE-Alan White – No report.

V. NEW BUSINESS.

Tony Renz informed the Board that representatives from the Purdue Equine Hospital will be at the next meeting in March to discuss some potential future plans.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next ISA meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the ISA Office in Greenfield, Indiana.

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

Zach Miller made a Motion to adjourn. Jay Hochstetler seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by:
Kristi Collett, Office Manager**