

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING (DRAFT)**  
**THE INDIANA STANDARD BRED ASSOCIATION**  
**FEBRUARY 9, 2008 - 1:00 P.M.**  
**THIRD FLOOR INDIANA DOWNS**  
**SHELBYVILLE, INDIANA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER – 1:10 p.m.**

**II. ROLL CALL**

Directors present were President, Jack Holton, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jack Kieninger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Sam Hedington, Brandon Bates, Don Conrad, Don Eash, Sarah Conrad, Phyllis Edwards, Carrie Hollman, Larry Rheinheimer, Doug Rideout, Harold Ruddick and Bret Shultz. Lisa Krise, ISA Administrative Assistant and Roger Young, ISA Attorney were present. A quorum was present. Guests present were Jessica Barnes, Kelly Rousch, Jeff Edwards, Mike Brown, Jean Bryner, Andy Bryner and Fred Schroeder.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 12, 2008**

Motion by Sam Hedington to approve Minutes of the January 12, 2008 Regular Meeting, seconded by Larry Rheinheimer. Motion carried.

**IV. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD ASSISTANT**

President Jack Holton introduced Lisa Krise as the new ISA Administrative Assistant. He stated he had informed Lisa she had been hired on a probationary status for a period of 60 days. She would receive a board evaluation re permanent status at that time.

**V. AGENDA**

**a. Hoosier Park Contract.**

President Holton informed the Board that he had encountered a few problems with the current language in the contract, Page 2, Section 3 – Allocation of Specified Funds. Present language does not address any funds other than Riverboat Funds. He asked ISA Attorney, Roger Young to rewrite the paragraph to include funds allocated from other sources and to specifically include funds derived from the proceeds of slot machines. The new language was included in Directors' packets. Motion by Sam Hedington to approve language as rewritten for Section 3 – Allocation of Specified Funds, seconded by Don Conrad. Motion carried.

It was noted a typographical error was made in Section 7 – Purses. The (12.2%) should be changed to 12 ½%.

In Section 7 – b. Overpayment and underpayment by Hoosier Park from the purse account.....the last sentence to include language provided by Roger Young which would redefine allocation of funds as provided by Roger in Section 3.

Section 8 – c. Regarding cancellation of races because of inclement weather, mechanical failure..... The question of whether \$100 was adequate reimbursement for cancelled races was discussed. Motion by Brandon Bates to increase this reimbursement to \$200 for each horse programmed and not previously scratched from a cancelled race at the track, with the possibility of splitting the cost with the track on this expense, seconded by Bret Shultz. Motion carried.

Section 9 – Condition Sheets. Regarding IN Sired / IN Sired Preferred / IN Bred as preferences. Motion by Sam Hedington to scratch current language that states the

majority of overnight races will be either Indiana Sired (IS) or Indiana Sired Preferred (ISP) or Indiana Sired or Bred Preferred, and replace the word majority with ALL overnight races will be IN Sired or Indiana Sired Preferred and IN Bred as 2nd preference, seconded by Sarah Conrad. Motion Carried.

Section 11 – Track Rules. President Holton has requested a copy of the 2008 Track Rules from Hoosier Park.

Section 12 – Qualifying Times. The ISA will continue discussions with Hoosier Park’s racing secretary on qualifying times. New rules from IHRC specify that 14 races are the maximum number of races allowed each race night including non-betting races. This seems to be an ill-conceived rule by IHRC when considering the number of divisions often raced in two year old races each night.

It was noted in Section 19 – Allocations to Purses – c. - The year 2007 in referring to simulcasting from Hoosier Park should be changed to read 2008.

Motion by Larry Rheinheimer that Chaplain Claudean Webb be retained for Hoosier Park and Indiana Downs in 2008 with \$2500 fee at HoP, and \$3500 at IN Downs with the longer racing season, seconded by Bret Shultz. Motion carried.

Motion by Phyllis Edwards that the nurse practitioner services be retained for horsemen on the backstretch at Hoosier Park and Indiana Downs, seconded by Jack Kieninger. Motion carried. Motion by Phyllis Edwards for ISA contract committee to discuss payment by HoP to include a portion of nurse practitioner services for the backstretch, seconded by Bret Shultz. Motion carried.

President Holton reported in his discussions with Indiana HPBA that their national HPBA considered the Indiana simulcast contracts to be substandard and needed to be revised. Indiana tracks are obligated to provide up-links by statute.

### **5 MINUTE BREAK**

#### **b. Proposed IHRC Rule Changes**

Discussion regarding proposed rule changes included 71 IAC 6-1-2 to which President Holton had written the ISA response.

71 IAC 6-1-3 – Claiming Races The rule needs to address claimers to the end of meet. No more than 30 days or end of the meet. The President will discuss this rule change with the author, Presiding Judge Tim Schmitz.

71 IAC 7-3-6 - Attire

This rule should be a track rule. Tracks should be responsible for enforcing it with assistance of Presiding Judge.

71 IAC 7-3-7 – Driving Rules – Directors questioned this ambiguous addition but will address it in the ISA response.

71 IAC 7-3-13 – Whip Restrictions – Response will include the difficulty in enforcing the proposed written rule with so many possible variations of reported infractions.

71 IAC 8-5-3 – Out of Competition Testing

Questions regarding the intent of the rule change to strike the sentence “This rule does not apply to therapeutic medications approved by the FDA for use in the horse.”

Jessica Barnes will ask Joe Gorajec to explain the intent of the change to ISA Board.

71 IAC 1-1-5 – Starting

Jack Holton will discuss this rule with Tim Schmitz to determine why the rule is needed and the intent of the rule.

**c. HHI Insurance**

President Holton wants to try and negotiate a lower premium before taking further action on cancellation of the policy.

**d. Committee Reports**

**Fairs** – Sam Hedington. Date change for Connersville to July 28 and 29 with the Elite Race scheduled on July 29.

**Public Relations & Promotions** – Sarah Conrad. The ISA will sponsor a booth showcasing a Standardbred stallion. The ISA, HBPA and Quarter Horse group will participate as a corporate sponsor of the Hoosier Horse Fair. Jessica Barnes reported on the Indiana Breed Development sponsored hour long presentation “Life of a Harness Horse”.

**Breeders and Sales** – Nat Hill. No Report

**Political Action** – Jack Kieninger. No Report

**Insurance** – Bret Shultz. No Report

**Membership** – Harold Ruddick. We have 275 paid members for 2008.

**Finance** – Nat Hill. Jack Holton reported that Sam Hedington has been designated as the second signature for the ISA bank account.

**Scholarship** – Carrie Hollman. The committee will be making some changes in requirements on the scholarship applications.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

President Holton commented on the mandatory oversight by IHRC regarding the expenditures of ISA. He had reminded Robin Babbit from the IHRC of the Indiana Standardbred Association 501 (c)(6) Non-Profit charter which is under IRS jurisdiction. President Holton will compose the ISA response to the Conflict of Interest Compliance. Andy Bryner had requested and received an accounting of the 2007 balance brought forward in the Standardbred Purse Account and January 2008 earnings including accrual for Riverboat funds for a current balance - \$3,020,228.74.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

Referenced was the latest letter regarding steroids received from Joe Gorajec affirming the Indiana Horse Racing Commission will be regulating anabolic steroids at the beginning of the 2008 race meets as planned.

**VIII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

Meeting date will be Saturday, March 8, 2008 at 1:00 pm. at ISA office, Greenfield, IN.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Jack Kieninger, second by Don Eash, meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Phyllis Edwards