

Minutes of Regular Meeting (Draft)
Indiana Standardbred Association
January 12, 2008 – 2:00 p.m.
ISA Office – Greenfield, Indiana

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by ISA Attorney, Roger Young.

II. ROLL CALL

Directors present were 1st Vice President Jack Kieninger, Brandon Bates, Larry Rheinheimer, Doug Rideout, Don Conrad, Sarah Conrad, Don Eash, Jack Holton, Phyllis Edwards, Sam Hedington, Carrie Hollman, Harold Ruddick, Nat Hill, Bret Shultz and ISA Attorney, Roger Young. A quorum was present. Guests attending were Jeanne Bryner, Stacey Ruddick, Dwayne Rhule, Mike Brown, Jeri Kieninger, Fred Schroeder, Jeff Edwards, Kelly Roush and Jessica Barnes.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President – Jack Holton nominated by Bret Shultz, seconded by Doug Rideout. Jack Kieninger nominated by Don Eash, seconded by Don Conrad. Jack Holton elected President for 2008. Holton then assumed duties as President to preside over the meeting.

1st Vice President – Jack Kieninger nominated by Brandon Bates, seconded by Sarah Conrad. No other nominations – Jack Kieninger elected 1st Vice President by acclamation.

2nd Vice President – Sam Hedington nominated by Carrie Hollman, seconded by Bret Schultz. No other nominations – Sam Hedington elected 2nd Vice President by acclamation.

Secretary-Treasurer – Don Eash nominated by Sam Hedington, nomination declined by Eash. Carrie Hollman nominated by Don Eash, seconded by Conrad. No other nominations. Carrie Hollman elected Secretary-Treasurer by acclamation.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 8, 2007

Correction by Harold Ruddick under Unfinished Business to correct spelling for Third Party Liability in Section A second paragraph. Also under New Business, Section D, add Harold Ruddick to the list of new Directors sworn in. Motion by Sam Hedington to approve Minutes of December 8, 2007 with corrections, seconded by Sarah Conrad. Motion approved.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive. Indiana Horsemen's Coalition Report – Jeff Edwards. A letter from the Indiana Horsemen's Coalition to RCI that was addressing

concerns with recent rulings of IHRC on anabolic steroids is included in Director's packets. The Board discussed regulations in other racing jurisdictions regarding testing for anabolic steroids. Testing urine versus plasma and the cost of testing procedures was discussed at length. Edwards noted the inclusion in the slots bill HB 1835 which allocated \$1,000,000 of that money to IHRC for testing in Indiana. Jack Holton suggested rules be narrowed down in order to be definable. In the September 2007 IHRC meeting after Ed Martin, President and CEO of Racing Commissioners International spoke, questions were not allowed from our horsemen's groups. The letter addressed some of the questions horsemen are concerned about.

B. Pari-Mutuel – Jeff Edwards obtained a drawing of the proposed new facilities at Indiana Downs for the Directors' packets. Changes to the Paddock, new barns being built and other changes to the backstretch were discussed.

C. Fairs – Sam Hedington. 2008 Elite Races were drawn at the Fair Convention in Indianapolis on January 5th. The new dates and tracks will be listed on the website and in ISA mailings. The regular fair circuit dates were finalized and fair racing days are unfortunately too close to each other at the end of July.

D. Scholarships – Carrie Hollman. No new report.

E. Public Relations – Sarah Conrad. The 2008 Hoosier Horse Fair dates are April 4, 5 and 6. A Standardbred stallion (SPEAK) owned by Fred Schroeder of Evansville, IN has been made available for the Stallion Row display. Cost for the space will be \$350. Motion by Jack Kieninger to fund the Hoosier Horse Fair as corporate sponsor, at the same level as last year and not to exceed this level, pending further negotiations with the other breeds, seconded by Sam Hedington. Motion passed. Motion by Sarah Conrad to approve \$350 for the display space of our Standardbred stallion on stallion row during the Hoosier Horse Fair, seconded by Nat Hill. Motion passed. Jessica Barnes reported that Breed Development would sponsor a one hour demonstration on harnessing a Standardbred, etc. in an inside arena at Hoosier Horse Fair. BD will also have T-shirts to give away.

F. Breeders and Sales – No Report

G. Political Action – Dwayne Rhule reported on his meeting with Joe Gorajec regarding ISA funding of \$150,000 for Promotion, Welfare and Equine Rescue. Backstretch funding will be between \$600-700,000. IHRC will formulate rules for spending this money

because the IHRC has oversight on these funds. An annual report from ISA will be required. ISA currently files annual reports on all expenditures for the Association, so this is not a new requirement. Senator Meeks, one of the strong backers of HB 1835 and always a supporter of Indiana horse racing has indicated that no funds for insurance will be allowed from these funds. The ISA plans to establish a backstretch benevolence fund for horsemen.

H. Insurance – No Report

I. Membership-2007 Banquet – Phyllis Edwards. A list of winners for the February 9, 2008 event was included in the Directors' packets. Award to be chosen by vote is ISA Youth of Year – nominees are Jacob Rheinheimer and David Beeman. Motion to accept Youth of Year nominees by Phyllis Edwards, seconded by Carrie Hollman. Motion carried. The 2007 Special Recognition Award (Bret Shultz) was a recommendation from the Banquet Committee. Motion by Jack Kieninger to approve Bret Shultz as winner of the 2007 Special Recognition Award, seconded by Sarah Conrad. Motion carried. The Directors' Recognition Award for Fred Schroeder, Andy Bryner and Mike Bowen was discussed and approved. Motion by Phyllis Edwards to present the Directors Recognition Award, seconded by Bret Shultz. Motion carried. Added to the awards ceremonies this will be the ISA Fair Circuit Trainer of Year. Motion by Nat Hill to add Fair Circuit Trainer of Year to awards presented, seconded by Sarah Conrad. Motion carried.

J. Finance – Fred Schroeder reported the 2008 purse account should be about the same as 2007. The Ellis Park handle has been up because of a strike by mutuel clerks. The Kentucky signal may end up at Evansville and Clarksville parlors with a resulting increase in our purse accounts.

10 Minute Break

K. Committee Appointments –2008

1. Pari-Mutuel – Brandon Bates, Brett Shultz, Doug Rideout & Mike Peterson.
2. Fairs – Sam Hedington, Carrie Hollman, Ron Chapman, Doug Rideout, Larry Rheinheimer and Fred Sumpter.

3. Public Relations – Sarah Conrad, Julie Rideout, Brandon Bates, Bret Shultz, Jeff Edwards and Stacey Ruddick.
4. Breeders and Sales – Nat Hill, Don Conrad, Jeff Edwards and Mike Bowen.
5. Political Action – Jeff Edwards, Jack Holton, Fred Sumpter, Dwayne Rhule, Don Eash, Mike Brown and Jack Kieninger.
6. Insurance – Bret Shultz, Sarah Conrad, Brandon Bates, Harold Ruddick and Jack Holton.
7. Membership – Carrie Hollman, Sarah Conrad, Julie Rideout, Harold Ruddick, Pam DeBaun and Phyllis Edwards.
8. Finance – Nat Hill, Fred Schroeder, Jack Kieninger, Andy Bryner and Sam Hedington.
9. Scholarship – Sarah Conrad, Sam Hedington, Carrie Hollman and Harold Ruddick.

VI. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Bike Insurance – Don Eash suggested a raise in ISA bike insurance coverage for ISA paid members. After a lengthy discussion the Board agreed to a raise in bike insurance for 2008. Motion by Jack Kieninger to raise bike coverage to \$2,000 and \$150 per wheel, seconded by Carrie Hollman. Motion carried. Bret Shultz will investigate a new bike insurance offered by Harmer Insurance in Illinois that is scheduled to go into effect next year.

B. Breed Development – Don Eash. A copy of the Breed Development Proposal was distributed to Board members. Don briefly discussed highlights of the proposal. Brandon Bates had questions regarding the two year old Sires Stakes legs being reduced from four to three legs. Jessica Barnes explained that two year old races had more division splits than three year olds, but the monies paid for two year olds with higher purses for legs and finals would be about the same as before. The proposal will be submitted to IHRC for approval at their next meeting.

VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. First Aid Kit in Test Barn – Brandon Bates. Brandon cited an accident that happened in 2007 with a horse injured and needing immediate medical assistance from a vet, but there was no care offered in the test barn because no first aid kit or supplies were available. He asked the ISA to provide money to provide supplies for a first aid kit to be used in emergency situations for horses racing at

the track. Motion by Brandon Bates for ISA to approve funding for first aid supplies for horses racing at the track, seconded by Phyllis Edwards. Motion carried. Brandon will be responsible for putting the first aid kit together.

B. Administrative Assistant-Due to the resignation of Leigh Nichol the Board will be hiring a replacement. Motion by Sam Hedington for The President to hire a temporary replacement and later open the position to other candidates, seconded by Bret Shultz. Motion carried.

C. Funding for Horsemen's Coalition – Motion by Jack Holton for ISA to partially fund the Horsemen's Coalition subject to the other breed associations and the two tracks making similar contributions. The coalition maintains a legislative watch to stay abreast of events that may impact horsemen's money being reduced in the slots bill funding for racing, seconded by Jack Kieninger. Motion carried. Other services provided by the Coalition include an attorney, publicity and promotion, website and Executive Director. All the racing breeds in Indiana contribute to the funding.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Sarah Conrad, seconded by Brandon Bates, meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Phyllis Edwards
ISA Director