

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING (DRAFT)
THE INDIANA STANDARD BRED ASSOCIATION**

**November 13, 2008 6:00 P.M.
ISA Office - Greenfield, Indiana**

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Directors present were President, Jack Holton, 1st Vice President, Jack Kieninger, Sarah Conrad, Don Eash, Phyllis Edwards, Nat Hill IV, Carrie Hollman, Mike Merkel, Mike Peterson, Larry Rheinheimer and Harold Ruddick. Lisa Krise, ISA Administrative Assistant and Roger Young, ISA Attorney were present. A quorum was present. Guests present were Mike Brown, Andy Bryner, Jean Bryner, and Jeff Edwards.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 16th, 2008

Motion by Larry Rheinheimer to approve Minutes of the October 16, 2008 Regular Meeting, seconded by Phyllis Edwards. Motion carried.

IV. MEETING AGENDA

- a. **ISP/IBP/ITP- Neither Hoosier Park or Indiana Downs has responded to the question if open races are being encouraged by the Commission. The ISA Directors discussed several alternative options assuming the tracks are not going to allow all ISP races. Jack Holton commented that purse money is as or more important than specifying preference and to possibly request x amount of purse money to be ISP. Jack Kieninger made the point that the problem with agreeing to open races is the tracks can add more divisions to those particular races. Jack Holton mentioned the idea to propose a minimum of 10 ISP races per night which would leave the tracks the option to add open races. Also discussed was using ITP as a second preference. Jack Holton has sent a letter to the Commission concerning ITP and was told to work with Breed Advisory Board on setting up that preference. Carrie Hollman and Doug Rideout are working on getting stipulations on that preference. A motion by Don Eash was made for Jack Holton to propose to the tracks to race 10 ISP or IS races per night. Sarah Conrad seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- b. **Election – The election ballots were counted prior to the meeting. It was an extremely close election. Jeff Edwards, Andy Bryner and Ted Engel were all elected. Mike Merkel was re-elected.**
- c. **Breed Development/Advisory Meeting – It was basically a preliminary meeting. They really didn't have any numbers available. The tracks want Breed Development to fund stakes, closers and all mini series races. It was asked if the ISA would support this. The answer would be dependent upon how much Breed Development will be giving to the fair races. The next Breed Development/Advisory meeting will be Saturday November 22nd.**

- d. **Race Dates – Hoosier Park race days will be Tuesday – Saturday. Tuesday – Friday post times being 4:45 p.m. and Saturday being 12:45 p.m. Qualifiers will be Tuesdays and Fridays. They are looking at opening the track on March 1st and holding 5 days of qualifiers prior to opening day. Hoosier Park race dates will be March 24th – July 11th with Indiana Downs being July 24th – November 10th.**

Jack Holton attended a meeting regarding use of the State Fair grounds. The site has multiple dates available for an increase in race dates.

Nat Hill will be putting together an outline of suggestions for the Elite Races and State Fair finals to present to the Breed Development/Advisory Committee. A motion was made by Nat Hill to suggest that the Elite Series be held a week after the State Fair finals at the State Fair Grounds with the condition including eligibility requirement that horses must have raced five times in the ISFC event. The motion was seconded by Jack Kieninger. Motion carried.

- e. **IHRC Meeting – The IHRC Meeting was discussed during an executive session.**
- f. **Publication/Electronics/Capitol Equipment –**

An example of the magazine the ISA is considering publishing was passed around for viewing.

The ISA will be checking on leasing a new copier at the first of the year.

- g. **Horsemen’s Representative – The ISA may have to scale back the budget on the Horsemen’s Rep position based on our proposed budget. It was suggested by some board members to do more advertising for the position. Some board members felt we have enough qualified applicants. The ISA has received 6 applications to date. Jack Holton suggested we post the position on the website. Sarah Conrad made a motion to advertise for the position in the December ISA Newsletter. Carrie Hollman seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- h. **Coalition Meeting – The coalition will know more in a couple of weeks what their game plan is.**

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Pari-Mutuel-Brandon Bates. No report.**
- B. **Fair- Sam Hedington. Carrie Hollman did report that at the Advisory Board meeting they moved 2 year old nominations to May.**
- C. **Public Relations-Sarah Conrad. No report.**

D. Breeders/Owners/Sales-Nat Hill IV. No report.

E. Political Action-Jack Kieninger. No report.

F. Insurance-Mike Merkel.

Handouts were passed out on a Novia Care Clinic proposal. Mike used a power point presentation to outline the benefits of this program. The ISA would be charged a fee for each member that utilizes the services. The member would benefit from primary care services, free available prescriptions, lab tests and physician services. The ISA would provide a min 800 sq ft facility for the clinic. Start up fees estimated to be \$12,000 - \$15,000 for employer build-out with an additional \$10,000 for initial equipment & supplies. The ISA will be deciding if there will be a charge for members that want to use the clinic and how much the charge will be. This may be added to the 2009 membership application for ISA members to choose enrollment in the program. A motion was made by Jack Kieninger to move forward with Mike's proposal. Phyllis Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The ISA received a quote for 3 million dollars worth of surety insurance through Travelers for \$2,179.00. Jack Kieninger made a motion to approve the amount. Phyllis Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried.

G. Membership-Phyllis Edwards. Phyllis went over the paddock expense report for 2008. The ISA spent \$10,592.00 total for food, drinks and the Sire Stakes lunches at Hoosier Park and Indiana Downs.

H. Finance-Nat Hill IV. Nat handed out a printout of the daily AGR per machine at Indiana Downs and Hoosier Park.

I. Scholarship-Carrie Hollman. No report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

The Harness Horse Youth Foundation is offering a deal to purchase an advertising decal for \$2500.00 that will be posted on their trailer. The ISA directors agreed that purchasing the decal would be a good idea. The ISA has money budgeted to the Harness Horse Youth Foundation in the 2009 proposed budget. Pending the outcome of the proposal this purchase will be voted on at a later date.

Also discussed was the proposal from Edward Martin with RCI concerning the 6 hours of continuing education seminars they are proposing licensed trainers attend.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next ISA Meeting will be December 13th. The time and location to be announced.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Larry Rheinheimer and seconded by Sarah Conrad. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Lisa Krise, Administrative Assistant