

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING (DRAFT)
THE INDIANA STANDARD BRED ASSOCIATION
September 11, 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, 2nd Vice President, Sam Hedington, Brandon Bates, Sarah Conrad, Don Eash, Phyllis Edwards, Nat Hill IV, Carrie Hollman, Mike Peterson, Larry Rheinheimer, Doug Rideout 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, JoAnne Foley, Kevin Mack, Scott Peine, Dwayne Rhule, Kelly Roush, Jon Schuster, Carol White and Dr. Alan White

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 7, 2008

Motion by Larry Rheinheimer to approve Minutes of the August 7, 2008 Regular Meeting, seconded by Phyllis Edwards. Motion carried.

IV. MEETING AGENDA

a. Introduction of guests Jon Schuster and Scott Peine

- **Jon Schuster – Jon thanked the ISA for inviting he and Scott to the meeting. Jon feels after his discussions with Jack Holton, the only area of concern in regards to the signing of the contract, is the Indiana Sire Preferred clause. Jon also feels there may be some concern as to what they are planning to do; where they want to go in the future and how potentially adverse it may be for the ISA. Jon stated that he and Scott came to the meeting to answer any questions and hopefully allay concerns. Jon also stated he feels they have had success at opening the race program up to a more open program. With the transition, Jon stated there have only been a handful of stories where someone has had displacement or some discomfort over races not being Indiana Sire Preferred.**
- **Scott Peine – Scott shared information regarding races next year. Scott stated that if you see larger purses next year, it will be due to higher nomination fees, not necessarily more money coming from the purse pool. Summer late closers will be similar. Scott doesn't feel there will be significant changes next year. After being asked what his plans are for the remainder of this year, Scott mentioned the mini series as one example. Scott said there will be a variety of them and they will continue through the end of the meet.**
- **President Jack Holton – Jack stated that the ISA represents everyone and feels the fairest thing to do is give the little guy a chance to survive. Jack mentioned enhancing the fair program stating that the fair program is currently not very lucrative unless you are an owner, trainer and driver. Jack suggested that Breed Development and Breed Advisory get together and decide what percentage of pari-mutuel average overnight purses is an acceptable level for the fairs. Also mentioned was an idea to expand and lengthen the term of the fair circuit. Doing so would have an impact on the necessity of having Indiana Sire Preferred as a condition on every race and still gives the opportunity to have open class.**

The meeting continued with several questions and answers, with the major concern being Indiana Sire Preferred. Dwayne Rhule read a statement he had written clarifying what ISP does for racing in Indiana and at both tracks. Although Jack Holton agreed that ISP is important to the horsemen and the program, he emphasized the importance for the horsemen to get along with the track management. Jack Holton also stated that it is hard to criticize someone who increases handle by getting diversity in their program.

- b. Indiana Downs Contract – Both parties agreed that there should be a contract prior to racing. Indiana Downs has been offered the same contract that was signed by Hoosier Park. After a lengthy discussion and both parties wanting to compromise, an agreement was made between Jon Schuster and the ISA regarding the Indiana Downs Contract. The Indiana Downs Contract will be identical to the Hoosier Park Contract with the inclusion that Indiana Downs can write in open races with the permission of the ISA. A motion was made by Jack Kieninger to accept those terms and allow Jack Holton to sign the contract, motion seconded by Phyllis Edwards. The motion carried by unanimous approval.**
- c. HHI Insurance – The ISA received a letter from HHI asking for payment. Jack Holton requested from HHI any correspondence they have on record between HHI and the ISA for 2006 – 2007. HHI has not submitted the ISA with any such correspondence. Several options were discussed as to how to resolve the issue with HHI. Jack Kieninger made a motion to offer HHI \$5000.00 plus the amount HHI has paid in claims last year. Brandon Bates seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- d. Contract with HRTV – Jack Holton was asked by the IHRC to get competitive bids and present them to Breed Development before they will give approval to pay their \$15,000 portion to HRTV. It was agreed by Jon Schuster and the ISA that Indiana Downs is the contracting party with HRTV and therefore will be the one to present Breed Development with competitive bids. Indiana Downs portion will be \$3,750 as will be the ISA’s portion. Motion was made by Jack Kieninger to approve the ISA’s share of \$3,750. Brandon Bates seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- e. Introduction of guest Kevin Mack – Kevin wanted to clarify that he did resign from Hoosier Park on August 22nd. He also wanted to thank everyone for their support over the last 9 years. He isn’t sure what his plans are but hopes to keep in touch with everyone.**
- f. Checking Accounts – Three new accounts are in place. Checks have been ordered, received and are in a locked cabinet in the ISA Office. Each account’s checks are of a different color to avoid any error in payments out of the wrong account. Both tracks have agreed to deposit electronically into the accounts. Money to open the three new accounts was transferred from the ISA’s account and will be reimbursable. Checking accounts have been set up in the ISA’s computer accounting system.**
- g. Gordon Tabor – The ISA sent a \$100.00 contribution to the Gordon E. Tabor Memorial Scholarship Fund at Butler University.**
- h. 2009 Election – Posters will be hung at Indiana Downs asking for nominees to run in the 2009 Election. There are 4 slots available and are all at-large positions. The nomination committee was selected and includes; Sarah Conrad, Sam Hedington and Larry Rheinheimer. October 1st was the date determined for the nomination committee to submit their candidates.**

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Pari-Mutuel-Brandon Bates. Brandon will be meeting with Jon Schuster Friday or Saturday to resolve some issues involving some backside issues. Last year there was a track meeting every other week, this year there has been none. The track at Indiana Downs is better than last year with the exception of qualifiers. Nothing is done to track prior to qualifiers. Need to catch up on blood gas reports. We have about ½ of the meets reports and haven't received any specials. Only one day was there out of competition testing. The ventilation system in the paddock has been extremely effective. Still up for discussion is adding extra electricity in the paddock kitchen.
- B. Fair- Sam Hedington. Sam reported that Bear Creek Farms is also interested in a Horse Park. Roger Young reported that the Johnson County Commissioners and Johnson County Council approved initial funding to obtain a study and to move forward with the master plan for the Johnson County Horse Park.
- C. Public Relations-Sarah Conrad. No report.
- D. Breeders/Owners/Sales-Nat Hill IV. Steve Cross is to be calling Jon Schuster about possibly using the current casino facility for sales in the future. The last sale went very well. Horses looked better than prior years. Nat left brochures at the ISA office about the Breeders Program for any interested.
- E. Political Action-Jack Kieninger. No report.
- F. Insurance-Mike Merkel. Jack Holton reported that Mike is currently working on a program that Florida currently uses with Blue Cross Blue Shield that provides insurance for grooms, trainers and drivers and is very affordable.
- G. Membership-Phyllis Edwards. ISA paid membership is currently at 840. Phyllis reported that the Sire Stakes dinner went well and stated that we may want to add 25 more people to next years estimate. The next Sire Stakes dinner will be October 18th at Indiana Downs.
- H. Finance-Nat Hill IV. No report.
- I. Scholarship-Carrie Hollman. There were two very good applicants for this year's scholarship. Carrie Hollman made a motion to award both applicants' Melissa Landis and Randall Fisher a \$3000.00 scholarship. Sarah Conrad seconded the motion. The motion carried

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. An idea was presented to consider Rick Moore for the ISA's Executive Director. Mike Brown was also added for consideration. After discussion, the board feels that timing and the budget getting approved are the main factors in the ISA hiring an Executive Director.
- 2. It was agreed that the Horsemen's Representative requirement sheet be updated. Jack Holton suggested that Don Eash and Brandon Bates define the Horsemen's Representative salary and requirements prior to advertising. A motion was made by Sarah Conrad to approve advertising for the Horsemen's Representative, Carrie Hollman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next ISA meeting date will be Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the ISA Office.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Jack Holton and seconded by Jack Kieninger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Lisa Krise, Administrative Assistant