

MINUTES OF THE BIMONTHLY MEETING OF THE
ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION
HELD JANUARY 19, 2013

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Beekeepers Association (ISBA), an Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation, was held at the University of Illinois Pollinarium, 606 Windsor Road, Urbana, Illinois, 61801, on January 19, 2013, at the hour of 11:25 AM.

All Officers and Directors were present except Erik Whalen-Pedersen. Also present was Eleanor Schumacher, Editor of the ISBA Bulletin.

The members in attendance constituted a quorum of the Directors of the Association.

Guests present at the meeting were Karen Belli, Ron Fischer, Steve Chard, Stu Jacobson, Anthony Gedritis, Tim Lindley, and Lonnie Langley.

Minutes from last meeting sent via email were approved unanimously.

Secretary's Report: Nothing

Treasurer's report: Mike is looking into ISBA getting a tax exempt number that would give us tax exempt status.

We have an EIN number. IRS should be able to help once Mike gets them on phone. Board discussed getting our tax exempt status and hiring a professional to help with this matter. Mike will pursue hiring a professional and possibly doing a different tax status to help affiliate clubs. Mike will let Board members know what he found and we'll discuss by email what costs will be. Goal is to have this in place for last year's taxes.

Membership: Current members: 1051. 71 are new members. Big Rivers is a new club. Janet mentioned that Spoon river club may no longer be in existence.

A new club will be forming near Cook-DuPage.

Northern Region: None

Central Region: New association forming. Western Illinois Beekeepers Association. Starting classes, structuring dues, etc. Janet will keep in touch with them. They are replacing Spoon River. Their club will probably become affiliated with ISBA.

Southern Region: Ray has been working with new clubs.

President's Report: In the past, we had declining membership and now we are seeing an increase. We are number 1 or 2 in top state organizations in U.S.

Larry Roth is the new superintendent of State Fair. He had been assistant superintendent.

ABF: Mike Mason is now a director of ABF. He'll attend 12 meetings mostly via conference call. President of ABF picked him. He'll report back to ISBA on ABF proceedings.

Payables and Receivables: We owe pollinarium and Chuck Lorence for ABF meeting.

There was a discussion about what an ABF delegate does. Ron Fischer's description included:

Delegates meet beforehand and select who runs meeting. Among other committees, they have Meeting committees, a Nominating committee to select officers of ABF. ABF is

the voice on Farm Bill. ABF is also fighting for CODEX, a standard definition of honey. They have a part time lobbyist, Fran Boyd.

There are several subgroups, including Honey producers and Sideliners. They discuss issues that affect beekeepers.

There will be a report from the delegates of the ABF.

Jim asked Ron Fischer to write a small piece about ABF for the ISBA Bulletin. He agreed to do it.

Unfinished Business: Janet Hart: Fall meeting was big success. Commended Sue in helping make registration go smooth. She stated everyone worked together very well. Mike would like to see changes to process so we can get better information from the registration.

Ice cream for State Fair: Rich Ramsey is working on the ice cream cups. Company no longer exists that makes our cups. Ron Fischer will check with Whitey's ice cream company.

New Business:

A. Discussion of revision for Apiary Act. After much discussion, it was decided by members of IQI present at meeting and Illinois State Bee Inspector Steve Chard that there wasn't a need for a revision in Apiary Act.

Steve will work with queen producers about clarification of the current act before it is sent out to Bulletin and website.

Steve wants to help IQI grow and flourish and be successful.

Steve got more complaints from neighbors of beekeepers this year than ever before.

Mostly from Chicago area. Two alderman offices called about it.

Steve: thought it helpful if a Best Practices could be put in place. He said he could put it out with State annual registration form next year.

Need to strategize preparation of possible African Bees in State. They can enter State on an old tractor or some other piece of equipment. Need to work on how to let public know without alarming them. Possibly contact FL where they have that problem.

Stu Jacobson would like to help Steve with this preparation.

Jim: It would be helpful if IQI had certificate to show membership. Possibly have sticker to put on nucs to indicate from IQI. ISBA will help promote what IQI initiates.

Steve wanted to make us aware: Experienced a lot of hot colonies. Tested them for Africanized genes, sent samples to Arizona. None tested positive.

Steve is beginning to think we need to address this in a different manner.

Suggestions included: Requeening would be an option. Inspector can let beekeeper know they have a liability if don't requeen.

Jim asked Janet and Sue to do a Best Practices for urban beekeeping.

B. Summer meeting: Discussion about decision made for ISBA summer meeting. Jim stated time constraints dictated making a decision quickly. Cost: \$60. Easy access located next to highway.

C. Joint meeting with Wisconsin Honey Producers: They are planning a meeting first week of November. Two day meeting is Nov 1 and 2 in Racine, Wi. Due to overwhelming membership in ISBA, President of Honey Producers would like to have a joint annual meeting with ISBA. ISBA can't do that because of our own meeting the following week. But we can help them with that meeting.

Janet and Sue wanted more clarification. What will be our responsibilities, costs, etc?

Mike proposed we do it like our summer meeting.

Motion Made Seconded and Approved: *To have joint meeting with Wisconsin honey producers first weekend of November. We will put up 50% of the money and share in*

50% of the profits. ISBA members will come at member's discount rate. One vote opposed.

D. Janet and Ray will be on nominating committee. They will contact a member the northern region to be on the committee. Jim is sending them a list of nominees via email.

E. Appointment for 2014 ABF Delegates: Motion Made Seconded and Approved:

Chuck Lorence and Ron Fischer will be the ISBA Delegates for 2014. One abstention.

F. Dadant 150 year Anniversary and Recognition Awards. Motion Made Seconded and Approved: *Dadant 150 year. Recognition award will be given. Mike will put together the plaque. It will be presented at March 15 and 16 event. Vote unanimous*

Other New Business:

Discussion about Monsanto Award. Need to have an article in Bulletin along with news of the award.

Motion Made Seconded and Approved: *Monsanto Award: Jerry Hayes. Recognition award will state: "ISBA recognizes Monsanto's Commitment to research and development toward nonchemical non GM Honey Bee Heath solutions".* Vote passed. One abstention.

Jim brought up about having clubs nominate a member from their club for a Pioneer Award. Each award would come with write up in the Bulletin. Motion Made Seconded and Approved: *Pioneer Award: Clubs can let ISBA know of special members within their club. Separate article in separate Bulletin for each Pioneer Award recipient. Vote unanimous. Recipients will be Bernie and Helen DeVries from Lake County Beekeepers. Janet handed out info on ISBA website. Offered suggestions about letter sent out to members about ISBA benefits to members, contact information of Regional Directors. This will be helpful to keep everyone on same page. Sue and Janet will develop a letter for the Directors to send out.*

Next meeting will be Friday evening, March 15, 2013 Hampton Inn, Keokuk, Iowa. Time to be decided later.

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. on January 19, 2013, pursuant to a motion made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corky Schnadt, Secretary