

MINUTES OF THE BIMONTHLY MEETING OF THE  
ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION  
AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION  
HELD March 15, 2013

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Beekeepers Association (ISBA), an Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation, was held at Hawkeye Restaurant, 105 North Park Drive, Keokuk, Iowa following Dadant's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner March 15, 2013 at the hour of 7:55 PM.

All Officers and Directors were present except Sue Kivikko, Ray Chapman and Erik Whalen-Pedersen.

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

Guests present at the meeting were Karen Belli, Anthony Gedritis, Danny Hart, Doug Leedle, Rose Leedle, Scott Drabicki, and Diane Drabicki.

Minutes from last meeting sent via email were amended and approved unanimously. The two amendments were:

1. Monsanto award. There was one abstention.
2. Jim asked Janet and Sue to do a Best Practices for urban beekeeping.

**Secretary's Report** – Corky reported on the collaborative effort he is seeing between some of the clubs in his area, specifically between Lake County Beekeepers and Northern Illinois Beekeepers. This sharing of information has led to improvements and innovations in both clubs. Jim asked Corky to write an article on this for the ISBA Bulletin.

**Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer's Report was submitted.

Status of Tax Exemption: Mike met with CPA. ISBA will have a state sales tax exemption status. Working on 501(c) 3 status.

Information on Summer Meeting discussed and passed out to the Board members. Janet requested a line item expense and income report regarding the 2012 summer meeting from the Treasurer to aid in the planning of next year's summer meeting.

**Membership Director's Report** – Sue Kivikko. Sue submitted electronically. 1067 members at this time. There are more clubs still reporting, so the number will grow.

**Northern Region Director's Report – None**

**Central Region Director's Report** – Janet Hart. Met with beekeepers in Monmouth. They will be doing a class and are having regular meetings and will be joining us. Spoon River is defunct. Janet will be going to talk to Illinois Valley Beekeepers meeting and see how they are doing. She will discuss with clubs in the area about Summer Meeting for 2014. Jim stated ISBA needs to be involved in ISBA Summer Meeting process.

**Southern Region Director's Report – None**

**President's Report** – Sue and Jim went to Garfield Park last Sunday. 30 people attended. They are working on forming a club. Lot of people are interested in joining/forming a club there.

**Payables and Receivables.** None

**Unfinished Business.** Ice cream. Rich reported that Whitey's Ice Cream will print lids. We need to let them know in July how much we'll need. Ron Fischer will provide the ice cream.

**Nominating Committee:** Tony Gedritis will be on the nominating committee from Northern region.

**New Business**

2013 Joint Meeting with Wisconsin Honey Producers – Status Report. Wisconsin happy about joint meeting. Speakers, vendors have been signed up. We will work on this more after Summer Meeting.

Best practice for beekeeping document. Discussion was held on several parts of document. Janet will make revisions discussed at the meeting. Those present at the board meeting selected Janet Hart's document, amended as discussed, for use.

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM on March 15, 2013, pursuant to a motion made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Corky Schnadt, Secretary

