

MINUTES OF THE BIMONTHLY MEETING OF THE
ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION
Held May 11, 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 W. Windsor Road, Urbana, Illinois on May 11, 2013 at 11:00 PM

All Officers and Directors were present.

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

Guests present at the meeting were Karen Belli, April Morgano and Kevin Morgano.

Secretary's Report. Minutes from last meeting sent via email were amended and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. Mike handed out copies of all transactions from January 3 through May 7. Sue and Mike discussed annotating the checks received from the affiliate clubs to more easily track the source of funds.

Mike said the paperwork for our tax exemption status has been processed and he will contact the person he has been working with on this next week to check status of E99 designation.

Membership Director's Report

Sue reported she is currently missing checks from Cook-DuPage, NIBA, and Will County associations.

Corky said that NIBA mailed in their check two weeks ago, and will check with NIBA treasurer and will follow up with Sue and Mike.

Sue reported on membership numbers in the affiliate associations and passed out information on membership numbers.

There was discussion about duplicate memberships. Membership cards are hard to work with and expensive. Janet suggested that each club could identify the members who joined ISBA through another club and note it on their membership sheet they send to Sue.

Jim asked Sue to send an email to the clubs explaining when a member comes in, it's important that the clubs note on their roster if the new member is currently a member in ISBA.

Northern Region Director's Report – Erik Whalen Petersen. Erik said a new club is forming in Aurora. Looks like it will be well organized. Members there didn't want to travel extra distance to older clubs. Chicago seems to have several small groups that don't want to form clubs yet, but something will eventually happen.

Central Region Director's Report – Janet Hart.

Janet was going to meet with Illinois valley, but that has been deferred until October. IQI had good Queen rearing seminar last Saturday in Peoria, Illinois. There was discussion about having IQI as a contact if someone needs packages/queens. It was decided that Jim will ask Steve to set up a tab on the website with a link to IQI.

Southern Region Director's Report – Ray Chapman

Ray reports that there have been cases of European Foul Brood. Beekeeping meetings in area have been very large. There is a lot of interest in schools.

President's Report – Jim Belli

Pioneer award given to Charles and Dolores Leitner. Jim will ask Steve to put a tab on website for Pioneer Award winners.

Unfinished Business

2013 Summer Meeting – Status Report.

Mike stated that 43 have signed up so far. Expecting a big increase in people signing up after it's in the bulletin.

Information passed out to members present at meeting.

Raffle: Jim asked Ray to spend \$600 for raffle prizes. Corky will contact Mann Lake, Kelley about being vendors at the summer meeting.

Janet will be sending out a letter to all associations in her area to let them know summer meeting will be there next year.

2013 Joint Meeting with Wisconsin Honey Producers – Status Report

Wisconsin Meeting is moving along well. Jim has contacted Derald Kettlewell, president of Wisconsin Honey Producers. Jim will focus on this after our summer meeting.

Nominating Committee - Status Report. Ray Chapman and Janet Hart said they have received nominations from several people for several positions. Nominations are not closed yet.

Best Management Practices - Janet Hart. Jim mentioned how much he appreciated the work Janet put into this. Affiliated clubs don't have to write their own when ISBA has this document on the website.

Motion Made Seconded and Approved: To accept Janet's Best Management Practices.

Hobby Beekeeping Ordinance: Each city is so different in what they are looking for; it has to be handled on a case by case basis. The ordinance on website is generic enough it can be tailored to individual city.

Apiary Inspectional Moving Permits. Seems to be working. Steve Chard wrote a nice article in bulletin about what is expected.

New Business

State Fair Ice Cream sales. Rich will check to ensure we have cups for ice cream. He'll use the same freezer at the same school. He'll buy all supplies needed including wooden spoons.

Formation of a Presenters Roster for ISBA affiliated clubs. Jim asked Sue to put together roster of speakers and what subjects they will talk on. Janet will help. It will include a bio with their years of experience, and any costs involved.

State ISBA Regional Map showing Club locations. Mike will have a star put on map for every club along with address information. Mike will need to know where the actual location is.

Returned Bulletins. Mike has 12 bulletins that were returned. Mike will check with mailer why envelopes returned.

Jim mentioned that according to data collected by Steve, people come to ISBA website in April looking for info on bees, classes, etc. This is a great tool for us. He asked for ideas on how we can make the website more beneficial for these visitors to the website. Janet will contact clubs about when classes are being taught for next year. Mike will help her. This information can be put on website. They will put together an outline of what should be contained in a beginning beekeeping class. They will check with Rich for help with outline.

Youth memberships. Jim stated this should be started at local level. Hasn't had much effect when done at the State level.

Sue mentioned there is nothing in by-laws about accountability for spending at summer meetings, etc. Jim asked Sue to write up proposed changes and present it to Board. Janet mentioned by-laws should be looked at regularly.

Advertising in bulletins. Sue will put together a proposal for next meeting. It will be for members only. Jim wants to know what costs will be and what revenue we'll get back.

Jim asked that Steve Petrilli be notified of ISBA board meetings.

Motion Made Seconded and Approved: ISBA will continue to pay Steve Petrilli \$600 per year for maintaining the website and Eleanor Schumacher \$600 per year for being the editor of the ISBA Bulletin.

ISBA received a Thank You letter from Ruth Watkins, Dean of University of Illinois – Urbana - Champaign for the gift we sent.

Agricultural Minister of West Germany contacted Jim and Rich about hearings in German Parliament pertaining to BT corn. The Minister wanted to talk to a beekeeper in Midwest who lives in Corn Belt.

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM on May 11, 2013, pursuant to a motion made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corky Schnadt, Secretary