

MINUTES OF THE BIMONTHLY MEETING OF THE  
ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION,  
AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION  
HELD APRIL 11, 2015

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 Pollenataruim on April 11, 2015 at 10:30 AM.

Officers and Directors present were: Mike Mason, Rich Ramsey, Rose Leedle, Corky Schnadt, Steve Petrilli, Jim Belli and Ray Chapman. One guest attended: Karen Belli.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report approved.

**Membership Director:** Getting renewals in now. Associations have until end of April to renew. Some clubs haven't joined ISBA. Jim recommends that the Regional Director or other officers go to their meetings to discuss joining.

We will wait until end of April to donate to ABF when we know our own membership numbers.

New insurance company is working out well. They are responding to Steve's requests in a timely manner.

Discussed having a lifetime membership. Decided it isn't feasible.

**Bulletin Report:** Eleanor was not in attendance. Discussion about what a great job Eleanor has been doing with the Bulletin. Mike has heard from other organizations outside of Illinois that like our Bulletin. Discussion about what organizations should be represented in the bulletin. Motion Made Seconded and Approved unanimously: Remove *Illinois Bees.com* graphic from bulletin and replace it with *Fieldwatch* and *Driftwatch* graphics.

**Northern Region Director Report:** Jim Belli gave John Hansen Pioneer Award at Cook-DuPage meeting. Jim has met with all the major clubs in his area. He discussed the importance of ISBA to the clubs: Representation at the State and the Bulletin. Jim started working on support of the clubs for next year's (2016) summer meeting. Jim is looking at locations and then can start looking at speakers for the meeting.

**Central Region Director Report:** Dale Hill was not at the meeting. His club's packages came in this weekend. Mike, Rich and Steve have attended club meetings throughout the region and taught classes.

**Southern Region Director Report:** Rose and Eleanor are working on the summer meeting. Discussed different aspects of the summer meeting. Bands, etc. will come out of the cost of tickets for that evening. \$38.00 cost for members to attend meeting.  
Discussion about future meetings having a detailed budget to be presented to the Board in advance to show the breakeven point.

**Unfinished Business:**

**State Fair:**

Medals: Jim looking into costs and designs.

Ice Cream: Discussion about obtaining an ice cream trailer for transporting ice cream to Fair. Possibly renting a truck from Moline to Springfield (one way) to cut down on costs. Still looking at options.

Rose getting honey sticks.

**Fall Meeting:** November 14. No speakers signed up yet. Discussion about various speaker possibilities.

**New Business:**

**Nominating committee.** All Board members are being nominated for their current positions.

Discussion about using teleconferencing. Board members agreed last meeting's teleconference was successful and will be used in the future.

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM, April 11, 2015, pursuant to a motion made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Corky Schnadt, Secretary