

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION,
AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION
HELD ON Monday, February 26, 2018

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Beekeepers Association (ISBA), an Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation, was held on Monday, February 26, 2018

Officers and Directors present were: Dale Hill, Byran Miller, Steve Petrilli, Rose Leedle, Rich Ramsey and Corky Schnadt. Guests include Steve Chard, Jim Belli, and Mike Mason

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

Proposed Legislation: Rich gave a copy of the West Virginia law to the Farm Bureau which inadvertently gave it to one of the legislators. It is in committee and waiting there. If we rewrite our Best Management Practices, we could then have bill moved forward. Dale suggests we sit down with Steve Chard and go over entire document to put forward the best document.

Much discussion about different ways to write it.

Jim recommends we add limited liability section and leave the rest alone. Steve Chard concurred.

Florida law has some wording about State law superseding local laws.

We would take from WV law the liability section.

Dale mentioned Dr. Adam Dolezal (U of IL) wants to work with ISBA and Dept Ag on Varroa testing, both by apiary inspectors and individual beekeepers to develop data on extent of Varroa and effectiveness of various control methods. Data would be analysis by geographic region (never identify individual apiaries).

ISBA could fund this if Dept Ag doesn't have funds.

Dale wants Dr. Dolezal to discuss best practices of varroa control at ISBA Summer Meeting.

Jim recommended that Corky, Rich, Bryan and Doug Leedle and possibly Tim May, along with himself meet March 9 in Springfield to put together Best Practices paper.

Dale, Steve Chard and Mike Mason will also plan on attending.

HB 4994. Mike Mason: Bill is for banning neonicotinoids on State lands and replacing with chemicals that are sprayed in an open system for pest control. Discussed his calculations on acreage affected. This would affect roughly 28,500 acres of corn. Will need to use old equipment, chemical boxes, that would not be a closed, contained system to introduce pesticides to protect corn. This spraying would be via an open application up to three times a year of another insecticide that does not discriminate and will blanket the surface of the targeted area, soil, corn, weeds, adjacent ground through overspray and drift.

Many associations opposed to this.

Much discussion about this bill and ramifications to bees and other environmental issues.

Motion Made Seconded and Approved that Mike Mason will put together a science-based position paper on this for Board review.

Dale will check with Ray to see where Summer Meeting location will be.

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM, February 26, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

Corky Schnadt, Secretary