

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION,
AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION
HELD ON Tuesday, February 26, 2019**

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Beekeepers Association (ISBA), an Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation, was held on Tuesday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m.

Officers and Directors present: Corky Schnadt, Rose Leedle, David Nellis, Charity Davis-Woodard, Steve Petrilli, Bryan Miller, Doug Leedle, Rich Ramsey

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

This was a special meeting called by the Board President (Corky Schnadt) to review two pieces of proposed legislation relating to honey bees in Illinois: HB3128 and HB2223.

Corky thanked everyone for their time to discuss the legislation in order to determine whether ISBA should become involved in any way. Corky thanked Rich Ramsey in particular for his considerable effort to gather information on the bills.

HB3128--AGR-Pollinator Protection Plan

Corky informed the Board on Feb 23 that Rich had learned from the sponsor of the bill, Rep. Charles Meier, that the bill would not be called and is dead.

HB2223 Apiary Operation-Liability

Rich made calls to the Sponsor's office (Rep. Frances Ann Hurley) to inquire who had requested that she propose this legislation, but had not been called back. He shared his thoughts that it could have been a Homeowners Association or a Bee Club of hobby beekeepers or a group of professional beekeepers. In the opinion of some contacts of Rich's at the Springfield Farm Bureau it is unlikely the bill will move forward through the legislative process. Rich suggested that ISBA wait to see what happens before considering any action. All Board members agreed.

Rich will continue to monitor HB2223 and inform the Board of any legislative activity.

Other points of discussion:

-Heart of Illinois Beekeepers Association leaving ISBA (Sean Rennau, President). Bryan offered to look into why they are leaving.

-It is still possible that Sam Ramsey will be the featured speaker at the fall meeting in 2020.

-Brian Rennecker, temporary supervisor of the Apiary Inspection Program, reports that two Inspectors remain on permanent part-time status and that others will begin their 6-month positions in April.

-Corky will contact Tim May to see whether ISBA could sponsor some activity at the ABF annual meeting to be held in Schaumburg in 2020.