

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION,
AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION
HELD ON Saturday, January 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 Saturday, January 26, 2019, at 11:00 AM.

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

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

Treasurer's Report and Audit Letter:

Corky will receive the paperwork to transfer the bank account privileges over from Rose to the new Treasurer (David Nellis). Corky will meet in Springfield with David and ? Rose had emailed the end of year (2018) Treasurer's Report and Auditor's Letter to all Board members for review. For safety reasons the Auditor suggested that checks be deposited directly into the bank in Springfield rather than a bank local to the Treasurer. Various tasks were discussed for the transfer of responsibilities from former to current Treasurer.

Brian Miller motioned to accept Treasurer's Report, seconded by Steve Petrilli. Motion passed unanimously.

Bulletin:

Details of printing and mailing expenses were discussed. Much more expensive to send 1st class than permit rate; also more expensive if over 10 pages as it cannot be folded, sealed and mailed with permit rate. Capital Blueprint is current printer, and OMS is the mailing service. The Board awaits printing quote from member Chris Reudin to consider changing to his service. Goal is to keep total printing and mailing cost to \$1200--\$1500 per issue.

Then followed significant discussion of several digital options for emailing the Bulletin to members who have the ability to receive that format. Steve (?) mentioned Mailchimp as one method of sending free email blasts and perhaps even the Bulletin. Service limited to 2000 email addresses (ISBA currently has 1636 members but 25-30% don't provide an email address). Marianne mentioned some technical challenges of working with Mailchimp. She will try using Outlook to prepare a test document to see if the format works better with Mailchimp.. Various other possible solutions were suggested including the use of a hybrid method (emailing a notice of availability of bulletin on ISBA website with a link for members to open it.) Research and testing remains ongoing and members will be informed once more information is available.

Board agreed to publish first 2019 issue in February with many articles and a President's letter from Corky along with a pie chart explaining to members how their

ISBA membership money is spent. Board will attempt to gather content to support 5 further issues during the year for a total of 6. It's difficult to get enough articles and other material to justify the expense of issuing a bulletin so everyone is encouraged to write or find other means of acquiring content that will contribute to an interesting and relevant bulletin.

Corky emphasized the Bulletin's importance for staying in touch with the membership. Eleanor Schumacher and Gabe Dadant have committed to writing articles and Eleanor will have an ongoing column.

Bryan will approach U. of I. researchers for possible Bulletin content.

Marianne is grateful for pertinent photographs to include with articles.

Summer Meeting:

June 7 & 8, 2019, held on McHenry Community College campus in Crystal Lake IL

Speakers: Jerry Hayes, Keith Delaplaine, Jim Belli and Eleanor Schumacher

Members-only Friday afternoon short courses led by Hayes and Delaplaine, Jim and Karen Belli, and Eleanor Schumacher. Hayes and Delaplaine will also present on Saturday as will Eleanor and Jim.

Larry is hoping for a Mead Makers & Appreciators gathering to be hosted by NIBA on Friday evening. Because MCC campus prohibits the consumption of alcohol, Mead meeting will be information only with no mead on the premises. If held off-campus could include tasting if at microbrewery with liability insurance. Larry also said he would be present at the Mead Meeting wherever it is held to represent ISBA. He's working on finding an alternate location.

Possibly have hats as incentive for early registration and ISBA buttons to hand out. Registration fees discussed, \$25/members \$35 non-members. ISBA will bring in food and provide water as well as coffee/tea. College will only charge for IT and custodial costs, about \$800.

Doug suggested informing Wisconsin Dadant store about the meeting. Larry will try to secure reduced rates at local hotels and also look into the possibility of local beekeepers hosting attendees who have come from a distance.

Steve will handle member registration and is hoping to have online registration by then. College or local club members will take care of non-member registration.

Marianne asked and Steve clarified that ISBA membership is through a local association but membership-at-large is also a way to join.

It was pointed out that some "bridge" between the short courses and the evening Mead event needs to be considered. Presenters need to be taken care of for dinner etc..

Assign an "assistant" for each presenter. Larry has contacted 3 other northern region clubs for volunteers to help NIBA. Corky expressed appreciation to Larry for his tremendous efforts in organizing the summer meeting for 2019.

Standing Committees:

Corky will be forming committees with Board members and non-board members when necessary to help with projects.

Accepting Credit Card and Pay Pal for registration fees:

Would streamline the registration process but if done via the website the cost goes up because of the increased security required. Will need to establish separate bank account. Discussion of using Square for registration and POS transactions. Steve will check with Weebly (website host) and report to Corky.

Higher liability coverage for general insurance and costs involved:

Current ISBA insurance would cover members sued while participating in an ISBA or affiliate association event. Steve thinks it's good coverage: 1 million/2 mil. He suggests members get their own for personal and product liability. ISBA also has product liability to cover ice cream sales. The State Fair requires 1 mil liability. ISBA policy does not include an Errors and Omissions policy. Corky asked Steve to find out what adding that to the general policy would cost. Given his experience on a school board that had an E. and O. policy Rich does not think ISBA needs it.

Steve pointed out that the documents page on the website has an explanation of what's covered in the current policy. Members hosting an event need to request a certificate of coverage from ISBA before the event.

Everyone was in agreement not to raise liability insurance amount.

Fall meeting 2019:

Corky has secured the Ag Building for the meeting on November 9. He encouraged Steve and Rich to get volunteer help for the meeting and not do so much of it themselves. Steve hopes the Prairie State club members will step up. It was suggested that 4-5 volunteers should receive free registration to help at the registration table and to clean up at the end of the day. Often there is not enough help for clean up and a couple of people end up doing it all.

Tim Wilbanks and Gary and Ginger Reuter will be the presenters for the meeting. Sam Ramsey was not available for 2019 but is invited for the 2020 meeting along with Dennis van Englesdorf.

Fall meeting date change:

Discussion of possibility of changing the standing date for Fall meeting to avoid conflict with first day of bow hunting season. After some discussion Larry motioned to table the idea, David seconded with a unanimous vote by the board.

At 1:00 p.m. Corky asked to continue meeting for another 30 minutes. Larry made a motion and David seconded it. Unanimous decision to continue.

Summer meeting 2020:

Will be hosted by one or more ISBA affiliated bee associations in the Central region. Brian asked for suggestions and Rose mentioned having enjoyed a tour of the U of I bee research lab.

Getting more members to attend meetings and greater use of social media:
Moved this agenda item to the next Board meeting.

Conference call possibilities: Zoom

Zoom is a free video-conferencing provider with no limit of participants and can also share files (screensharing) David, Corky, Steve and Rose will experiment with it in the next couple of weeks and share results via email with other Board members.

Regional Director reports:

Larry (North) reports there may be two new clubs to join ISBA. Steve mentioned that the IVBA re-joined ISBA after reorganizing. Rose reported for Doug that he has been visiting clubs in the southern region to introduce himself and inform them about ISBA.

Group hive insurance:

Corky is waiting for information he requested from a Texas company that insures bee hives. Rich checked with Farm Bureau for a group rate and got no satisfaction. He's going to talk with Lea Sommers. David carries insurance on his hives as an umbrella with his farm insurance, Randolph Mutual in Campbell Hill IL. \$302 if just with homeowner's policy or \$102 with farm insurance.

Dept of Ag:

Steve Chard suggested that an inspector be invited to future board meetings.

State Fair:

Rich still researching refrigerated trailers for the ice cream. Needs to be kept between -10 and -20. Now looking at a company in NW Wisconsin and also going to talk with Schwann to see who makes their trucks.

Corky, Rose and David will meet to sign signature cards for bank account.

The next board meeting will be held in Springfield on March 30, 2019.

Motion made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m., January 26, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charity Davis-Woodard, Secretary

