

MINUTES OF THE BIMONTHLY MEETING OF THE
ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION,
AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION
HELD MARCH 8, 2014

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Beekeepers Association (ISBA), an Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation, was held at the Sangamon County Farm Bureau, 2631 Beechler Ct, Springfield, IL on March 8, 2014, at 10:30 AM.

All Officers and Directors were present. Guests attending were Warren Norris and Karen Belli.

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

Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Balance: \$16,633.00. Mike is still transferring information to Rose Leedle.

Motion Made Seconded and Approved unanimously: Corky Schnadt will handle all 501(c) 3 paperwork and draft new Purpose and Dissolution statements as needed for filing.

ISBA received check from former Secretary Rita Taylor for \$2217.93 that was held in another bank account.

Membership Director: ISBA has 1323 members (combined total from last year's membership list and this year's new member list) which is a 30% increase from last year. There are now 21 associations in ISBA.

Illinois State University and Wabash Valley Pollinators will become members.

Northern Region Director: Jim commented on Northern Illinois Beekeepers Association's having Dr. Jim Tew as speaker and said other clubs are also bringing in guest speakers.

Central Region Director: Mike Mason has appointed Dale Hill as the Central Region Director. This is a temporary appointment until next November meeting. Position is up for election at that time.

Southern Region Director: Bee losses are high. Several clubs having Introduction to Beekeeping courses. Ray Chapman has been working with several of them.

Unfinished Business:

Summer meeting: Warren Norris from Illinois Valley Beekeeper Association attended our meeting. His club is co-sponsoring with Heartland beekeepers. Most cost efficient venue is at Illinois Valley Community College, Oglesby, IL.

Cost: \$961 for everything but food and speakers. Date for meeting is June 7. Discussion was held on food items and need to get speakers signed up. Corky will put together the vendors for the meeting. Warren will send him any suggestions he has.

ABF Delegates: Motion Made Seconded and Approved unanimously: Chuck Lorence and Ron Fischer will be delegates. They will receive \$250 each.

ABF Membership: Motion Made Seconded and Approved unanimously: ISBA will pay \$1 per member to ABF for our membership with them.

Illinois Food Expo: Steve Petrilli, Rich Ramsey, and Mike Mason participated last week in it. Membership forms were handed out. It was a great promotional opportunity for ISBA.

New Business:

Yahoo Group: very few members use it compared to total membership. Overall activity is low.

Google Group: Steve thinks might be more useful than Yahoo Group. We will start developing Google Group.

Blog: Content has been kept fresh.

Bulletin: Member ID and expiration date on Bulletin now.

State Fair Bee Culture Exhibit: Motion Made Seconded and Approved unanimously: Rich Ramsey can purchase spoons, ice cream, and honey sticks. There was a discussion on honey exhibit and lack of entries in Open Class last year. ISBA will work on ways of promoting honey exhibit for both Professional and Open classes.

Motion Made Seconded and Approved unanimously: to donate \$500 to Scientific Beekeeping.

Motion Made Seconded and Approved unanimously: to give Sangamon County Farm Bureau Foundation \$100 for use of Farm Bureau building.

Motion Made Seconded and Approved unanimously: to give Pollinatarium, University of Illinois: \$1000 for use of their facility for our meetings and educational purposes.

Illinois State Certified Honey Beekeepers Insured: Mike will send out a Cease and Desist for them using our logo and violating the copyright of logo.

Trademark or Service Mark renewal application: Mike will pay for our old logo and register the new logo.

Susan Kivikko – Field Watch. Tabled until ISBA Board sees written proposal.

Association visits: Mike, Steve and Rich are going to new association meetings. It's important to get out to association meetings as much as possible.

Website development assistance: ISBA can help clubs have web presence that don't have it already.

Illinois Department of Agriculture talking about working with former inmates on bee hives at O'Hare airport. Also potentially making hive products in facilities. They will be looking for Associations in the area of each correctional facility to teach beekeeping.

Announcements:

Colleen Pierce from Lincoln Land passed away

University of Illinois Short Course on April 5. Cost \$100. May Berenbaum and Randy Oliver are speakers. Limited to 50 participants.

It was announced that there is an on-going case of a beekeeper claiming neighboring farmer's corn planting killed his bees. Chuck Lorence is working with all participants to get more details.

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM, March 8, 2014, pursuant to a motion made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corky Schnadt, Secretary