

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION,  
AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION  
HELD ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2017

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Beekeepers Association (ISBA), an Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation, was held on Friday, August 18, 2017 at 10:00 AM

Officers and Directors present were: Dale Hill, Steve Petrilli, Rose Leedle, Rich Ramsey, Ray Chapman, and Bill Baker. Pete Soltesz, Corky Schnadt attended via telephone. Guests include Tom Simpson, Angie Nelson.

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

**Previous minutes.** Approved.

**Treasurer's Report.** Approved.

Discussion about giving associations incentive for hosting summer meeting by giving them raffle money proceeds from that meeting.

**Newsletter Editor Report.** Angie is not getting many articles from some areas. She is thinking about emailing individual associations looking for articles.

Corky will contact NIBA officers to see if they can send their articles to ISBA because they are doing an excellent job.

**Membership Report.** Steve brought membership breakdown. Cook-DuPage biggest association in State. Many clubs have over 100 members.

All associations have paid dues. Steve working with associations to keep their membership up to date.

1788 members. 25% of members don't have email addresses.

Discussion about looking into taking credit cards for summer and fall meetings. Steve will look into it.

Our expenses for sending emails will go up when we get closer to 2000 members.

**Summer meeting.** Dale hearing positive feedback on speakers, and everything else at the meeting.

Discussion about Officers not having to pay for meeting admission. Looking for a way to give an incentive for people to want to join Board as well as a 'Thank You' for the work officers do.

Motion Made Seconded and Approved for Board members to attend summer and fall meeting at no registration costs.

**Fall Meeting.** Discussion about veterans receiving a free lunch at fall meeting, adding a spot on the fall registration form and having it on the honor system.

Motion Made Seconded and Approved that cost of meals be waived for veterans at fall meeting.

Dale has lined up the following speakers:

Dan O'Hanlon, retired judge on legal aspects of beekeeping. He will give a talk on dead outs as well.

Jerry Bromenshenk. Master beekeeper course. Military applications of beekeeping.

Adam Dozezal. Will discuss research he's been doing last several years.

Steve Chard and Department of Ag.

Possibly Tim May

Discussion about Nomination Committee. Ray will chair it and will contact Larry about joining committee.

Discussion about Pioneer Award and Beekeeper of the Year possibilities.

Will put information in Newsletter looking for nominations for Beekeeper of the Year.

Discussion about admission price and meal price.

It will be \$40 admission and \$10 for the meal. No extra charge for walk ins.

Discussion about different payment systems to try to make it easier to register.

**State Fair update:** Building isn't a draw for many people unless it's grandparents with kids, but it's air conditioned.

We need to talk to State Fair about more vendors being in the building.

**Ice cream trailer.** Rich has an estimate for a trailer at \$21000. Rich has contacted companies, but hasn't received information back from them so doesn't have anything new to report yet. Discussion about different options including used equipment, trailers with freezers on top.

Rich is asking anyone who has any leads on trucks to let him know.

He says a good used one would be adequate.

Our costs now are \$750 per year to make the trip up to pick up the ice cream and return to Springfield.

Rich said we are OK as long as we can store it at the local school.

**Update on European Foulbrood.** Dale said North Carolina is seeing increased incidence of EFB. Iowa as well.

**Additional items.** Discussion about digital newsletter. Many other beekeeper organizations do it now. Big problem is members lacking email or even computers. One possibly would be to publish electronically as well as a paper copy.

Angie Nelson won the Grand Champion 2 ½ lb. chunk honey. Winning bid was \$750. She learned over the phone from Rich.

Dale visited an aquarium in Florida and found out that injured sea turtles have their wounds covered in comb honey.

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 PM August 18, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Corky Schnadt, Secretary