

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION,  
AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION  
HELD MAY 5, 2017

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Beekeepers Association (ISBA), an Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation, was held via conference call on May 5, 2017, at 7:30 PM

Officers and Directors present were: Dale Hill, Pete Soltesz, Corky Schnadt, Steve Petrilli, Rose Leedle, Rich Ramsey, Ray Chapman, and Bill Baker. Others in attendance included Mike Mason and Jim Belli.

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

**Newsletter schedule and budget:** Angela put out a schedule of Newsletter releases for the rest of the year. It'll be on a more regular basis. We have cost of printing and mailing. This upcoming newsletter will be most expensive since it'll include members from 2016 who haven't renewed. It'll be over 2000 copies. After this it'll drop to 1400 – 1500. Rose said it was averaging \$1600 for each mailing last year.

Pete asked if ISBA considered sending out electronically.

Steve Petrilli said 30% of our members don't have accurate email addresses on file and many don't have high speed broadband.

Steve said we are using the software that allows ISBA to send out large amounts of emails.

Pete will look into electronic possibilities.

Discussion about various options including having Newsletter on website under Members Only section.

Steve will come up with cost estimate for options on website Members Only section.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have \$38,396.16. Our only expenses so far this year have been our insurance. State Fair expenses, meeting expenses, Association fees will be coming up soon.

**June 11 State meeting in Quincy:** June 10. Discussion about speakers: Larry Connor will give 2 presentations; there will be a talk on the history of Hive and Honey Bee book and Robert Sears from Honey Bee Health Coalition will present as well.

Weather permitting, will have live bee demonstrations at one of the parks. Dale's association, Mississippi Valley, will cover registration desk. Local radio station will cover hotel costs for speakers in exchange for Radio interview.  
Fee: \$70.00 per person. Dale targeted breakeven at 100 people. Dale's expecting 130 – 150 participants. As we've done in the past, any profits will go to Mississippi Valley. Any lose will be covered by ISBA.

**State Fair contract, exhibits, ice cream, refrigerator trailer etc.:** Fair will be a day longer this year.

Rich: Hasn't gotten any new information about ice cream trailer. Won't have it for the Fair this year. Trailer is insulated by Thermo King. Doesn't have to be new trailer, just has to be serviceable.

Motion Made Seconded and Approved for Rich to look into costs of obtaining a trailer.

Contract: needs to be signed and submitted. Fee is \$925.

Ron Fischer will supply honey for honey ice cream. Whitey's ice cream supplies ice cream. Rich will use usual driver to get ice cream to Fair.

Steve will put on website the dates available for ice cream sales booth.

**Nov 11 meeting:** Discussion about content and speakers for November meeting. Dale is thinking about George Hanson, Past President ABF, Jerry Bromenshenk University of Montana. Steve mentioned Randy Oliver. Dale will check with him. Mike Mason mentioned Michael Palmer in Vermont.

Rich would like to hear someone from a bee lab, university research lab. Mike thought Dave Tarpay NC State University would be good for this.

Dale will check into these speakers as possibilities.

Rich will talk to caterers.

Rich will call Steve Chard to reserve building.

**Budget, fixed cost increases, future increases:**

Rose said our insurance costs are about the same as last year. They have already been paid.

Dale will check on any possible insurance request for conference center for Quincy meeting.

Steve: ISBA should consider budgeting money for various things (i.e. email packages, Members Only section on website).

Motion Made Seconded and Approved: ISBA will pay \$600 to Newsletter editor and webmaster. Pay ABF \$1.00 for each current ISBA member.

**Donations to Scientific Beekeeping, others:** Discussion about past and present donations.

Motion Made Seconded and Approved to send Scientific Beekeeping \$500, University of Minnesota Bee Lab \$500, University of Illinois Woese Institute for Genomic Biology \$1000.

**Dates for Board meetings:**

Dale will put together some possible dates and get them out to Board members.

**Other items:**

EFB still under discussion with nothing put in place yet.

Surrounding suburbs around Chicago are writing codes and placing restrictions on beekeeping. Pete is concerned about regulations eliminating beekeeping. Discussed specific case of beekeeper told to remove hives from River Forest. Jim Belli will send an email from Attorney General on the subject of bees to Pete to give to lawyer involved in case. Discussion about Springfield ordinance to be used as template for other towns.

Beekeeper of the Year nominations should be sent to Dale.

John Hanson recovering from hip and arm injury due to a fall. Pete will send his contact information to Board.

Ken Beauchamp passed away recently.

Mike Mason: ISBA should consider giving each Association some dollar amount for education purposes. Pete: ISBA should consider lower cost of attending ISBA meetings. Other ideas included lowering dues.

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM, May 5, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Corky Schnadt, Secretary