

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION,  
AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION  
HELD ON Thursday, May 30, 2019

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Beekeepers Association (ISBA), an Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation, was held on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

**Treasurer Report**

-Approved as read

**Membership Report**

-1405 current members

-Cook-DuPage is the largest with 221 members, followed by NIBA (195), Lake County (163), Fox Valley (125), Prairie State (99)

-50 members-at-large

-approx. 1100 email addresses obtained from recent campaign

Action item: Steve will send Board members a PDF of membership by affiliate association

**Summer Meeting**

-120 registered for Saturday with 70 for lunch

-75 registered for Friday's short courses. These are intended to be intimate, discussion-oriented groups rather than lectures.

-Larry reports everything under control for meeting, with good volunteer force

## **Meeting/Speaker Committee Report**

### **Summer meeting 2020 location and speakers?**

- Bryan close to having secured location for 2020 Summer Meeting.
- Reed Johnson committed to speak. Committee is pursuing other speakers. One or more members of the U. of I Bee Lab will contribute to the program.

### **Fall meeting 2019 preparation required?**

- Larry and Steve soliciting help from local clubs for set up and clean up. Free meal and registration to helpers.
- Ginger and Gary Reuter speaking. Also Tim Wilbanks and Adam Dolezal.

### **Fall Meeting 2020.**

- Sam Ramsey transportation taken care of

### **State Fair**

- Steve has contract and Certificate of Insurance taken care of for 2019.
- Steve will purchase admission tickets and parking passes for volunteers.
- Rich has all other preparations under control

### **Farm Progress Fair.**

- Held in Decatur this year, August 27-29. Rich will put together a crew from local club for ISBA booth.
- IL Soil and Water Annual meeting in July. Rich looking into this for possible ISBA representation.

### **Pay Pal. Where are we with this?**

- Will need to establish separate bank account for this. Will cost more for secured site in order to accept payments via website. Steve will report back with further details.

### **Nominations for Beekeeper of the Year/Pioneer Award**

- Bryan has someone he'd like to nominate. Charity is writing article for next Bulletin on these awards.

### **Nomination Committee for Board members**

- As current term Regional Directors Bryan (Central) and Doug (Southern) form this committee and select a third member from the Northern region to serve on the

Nomination Committee to select a nominee to run for Northern Regional Director for a new three-year term.

**Emailing Bulletin. Good idea? Technology needed?**

-Tabled because Steve and Rich lost phone contact with the group

**Will County and NW Illinois. Anything new?**

-Larry looking into Will County.

**Indiana Beekeepers. Meetings much better attended. Why?**

-Corky to contact officers from Indiana to get more information on this.

-New Indiana Apiary Law regarding beehives in "towns". Rich is looking into it.

**Regional Reports/New Business**

Suggestion was made by Steve to reimburse Regional Directors for transportation expenses to visit affiliate associations in their region. Board will discuss at next meeting (August)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Corky said he talked to all Board members about taking some time to think about what each would like to see ISBA take on as a long term goal or project. He asked each Board Member to send him a note with the one thing they would like to see us working on as a longer-term project to benefit the membership. He stated it can be one sentence or two pages. Include how this would influence spending down the cash reserves.

Motion made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m., July 29, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Charity Davis-Woodard, Secretary

