

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION,
AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION
HELD ON January 29, 2020

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Beekeepers Association (ISBA), an Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation, was held on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Officers and Directors present: Corky Schnadt, Rose Leedle, David Nellis, Charity Davis-Woodard, Steve Petrilli, Larry Krengel , Doug Leedle

Absent: Bryan Miller, Rich Ramsey

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

Financial Audi for 2020

- Tax Auditor: Paula Minert. Will be done in late April.
- Board discussed itemizing Director's mileage instead of having it as a lump sum. No interest in pursuing at this time.
- Treasurer's Report error: Door Prizes for Fall Meeting 2018 cost \$923.17 for a total loss of \$1446.80

Filing 2019 Taxes

- Taxes already set to Accountant

Q/A Feature on Website: Update

- Will be on Member's Page under FAQ
- Steve has done a preliminary set up of the first questions Corky received (along with the answers) and sent the link to board members for their review. It is not yet public. Once Corky finishes other Q's and A's and loads on the website it will be good to go.

PayPal

- Corky has set this up but wants to do some dry runs to test before going online mid-Feb for registrations for the Spring Dewey Caron Workshop at McHenry Community College
- Currently set up for PayPal to send check to ISBA for Steve to deposit in bank account
- Use of Square would require separate bank account.
- Rose and David will look into opening a bank account near them in the southern part of IL. If that doesn't work out we will investigate other options.

March Workshop

- Larry signs contract with McHenry C. C. soon.
- Will consist of 2 small-group workshops (25 participants each) and one lecture/discussion open to the public. Online registration begins mid-February.

Summer Meeting

- Bryan finalizing catering agreement
- Rose will look into hotel accommodation and secure a room for Board Meeting on Friday 6/19/20. Hotel info will go to Steve for website.
- Motion made, seconded and passed to allocate up to \$200 to "boost" ads on Facebook for Summer Meeting to reach more people.

Grants to promote interest in beekeeping in Illinois (Larry previously sent detailed email)

- Discussion of Larry's proposal to establish four \$500 grants that would be made available to members, affiliate organizations and civic groups around the state for projects that would promote interest in bees and beekeeping
- Motion made, seconded and accepted (4 in favor, 1 abstention, 1 against) to award \$500 to the Sherman Natural Prairie & Community Garden in Elgin, IL to establish educational beehives in a restored prairie.
- Larry's second proposal for Young Beekeeper grants was tabled.

Amendment to bylaws: Moving Summer meeting to March

- Unanimous agreement to leave meeting in June

Other

- David made a motion to reimburse Steve for travel expenses to the Post Office and Bank for ISBA purposes. Unanimous consent
- Corky said he had received call from member concerned about the expiration date on the address label of the Bulletin and discussed possible solutions with Steve. It will be removed from the next bulletin label and then reassessed.
- Fall Meeting: Corky had to sign a contract for the facility this time. Room capacity allows for 88 persons with tables and 150 with just chairs. May need mostly chairs for Fall 2020 due to Sam Ramsey's popularity.
- Steve asked for the purchase of a new coffeepot (about \$100) for meetings. Motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously.
- Discussion of ABF Convention: Corky felt ISBA received good recognition for its contribution to the event and many positive comments on the ISBA informational flyer and his presentation.
- Based on an impressive presentation at ABF Corky suggested that ISBA consider making a donation to the Honey Bee Health Coalition. Board did not respond with enthusiasm except to suggest possible donation to other research efforts that may not have corporate sponsorship, such as Randy Oliver or Sam Ramsey.

-Corky has been in communication with Angie Nelson from Fox Valley Beekeepers regarding that association's letter of complaint to the State Fair Board. Fox Valley has not yet received a response from the Fair. Corky will place calls to all parties involved in the coming weeks to see what he can find out.

The next board meeting will be held via Zoom on March 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m., January 29, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charity Davis-Woodard

Charity Davis-Woodard, Secretary