

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION,
AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION
HELD ON Wednesday, March 18, 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, March 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Many membership dues have just been processed by Steve and sent to David for deposit. All seems in order with the account. Remove \$494.00 from Winter Dead-out meeting. There were no losses to it.

Membership: Steve supplied membership report as of 3/18/2020 showing a total of 1710 memberships with 2019 and 2020 expiration dates. Steve says not unusual to have between 200-300 memberships that do not renew, balanced by new members joining. Steve also mentioned ISBA website is now a "secure website." New additions to website include Multilanguage ability and Search box on every page.

March Dead-out Meeting – Cancelled as a result of the COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings. All monies being reimbursed – won't be any negative financial repercussions from the cancellation. Dewey Caron graciously agreed to use his airline reservation for future travel.

Summer Meeting – Bryan reports everything in place for the Summer Meeting in Urbana on June 20, 2020. The Board remains hopeful meeting will be held. Scheduled guest speakers are Dr. Reed Johnson, Ohio State University; Dr. May Berenbaum, Univ. of Illinois; Dr. Adam Dolezal, Univ. of Illinois. Meeting agenda and lodging information will be on website under Summary of Events as it becomes available. Charity sending meeting information to American Bee Journal and Bee Culture Magazine. Charity also looking into how to inform Indiana beekeeping clubs about the Summer meeting, especially those clubs located not far from Champaign/Urbana.

Paypal and Brown Paper Tickets – Discussion of problems with the interface between Paypal and Brown Paper Tickets. Larry says BPT has been very easy to deal with so problem likely with Paypal. Steve mentioned EventBrite as another possible ticketing/reservation system to work with and Rose will look into it. Rose also stated that Square is an easy merchant services company to use. It looks like ISBA will go with Square rather than Paypal for online and mobile payment services. David and Rose

were able to establish a second ISBA bank account that will be linked to Square. Will plan on using EventBrite for Summer Meeting.

New project ideas for 2020- No new ideas were forthcoming.

Online Bulletin. Option for members to opt out of paper copy – An announcement about this will be posted on the website and also in the next Bulletin.

ISBA Bulletin --Marianne looking for articles, especially highlighting regional clubs. – Bryan said he has submitted an article about 3 affiliate organizations in his central region. Charity will send an article about the recent SCBA Beekeeping Class and about the upcoming workshop with Mel Disselkoen scheduled for May 30.

Q/A –Corky more help with questions and answers to begin this feature on website

State Fair --Update on Fox Valley/Honey Show (no resolution to date); Ice Cream purchase – order needs to be placed about July 1st and three weeks needed to print lids for ice cream cups. We will pay for lids from vendor if they are needed to be purchased.

Awards for 2020--Beekeeper of the Year; Pioneer Award (can be more than one in one year) –this award can be given out during a meeting at the affiliate organization the awardee belongs to rather than the Fall Meeting; Steve Chard Award (Non Beekeeper Contributor)

Nominations for ISBA Elections--Larry and Doug on Committee.

Fall Meeting – Bryan suggested securing a larger facility because of the popularity of the speaker, Dr. Sam Ramsey. Rich said he would check with local colleges in the Springfield area. He will also check Northfield Inn.

Supporting Inspectors – discussion about ISBA offering support to the IL Dept of Agriculture for the State Apiary Inspectors.

Regional Reports – discussion of which region Will Co. falls in and it was determined it is in the Central District of ISBA member affiliates. Also, Rose was able to confirm the date and location of the Summer Meeting for 2021: June 19 at the Rend Lake Visitor Center, Benton, IL not far off Interstate 57. Jim Tew and Jennifer Tsuruda will be the guest speakers.

The next Board meeting will be held on May 28, 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 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charity Davis-Woodard

Charity Davis-Woodard, Secretary