



Illinois State Beekeepers

Board Meeting

7:00 PM – Tuesday, January 16, 2024

The following **minutes** are respectfully submitted by Secretary Pamela Carter. 1/16/24

At 7:04 The Illinois State Beekeepers Board Meeting was **called to order** by President Rose Leedle.

The following **members were present**, which represents a quorum:

Vice-President and webmaster Steve Petrilli
Treasurer Mike Mason
Bulletin Editor Hilary Ward Schnadt
Secretary Pamela Carter
Northern Regional Director Dave Meyer
Central Regional Director Bernie Andrew
Southern Regional Director Doug Leedle

The **Secretary's Report** was previously submitted and board approved by President Rose Leedle.

The **Treasurer's Report** was submitted on 12/31/2023 by the previous Treasurer, Kathy Kaesebier.

A Not for profit \$15 check was written by President Rose Leedle.

The **Membership Report** was submitted by Vice President Steve Petrilli and dated 1/26/2024.

Vice President Steve Petrilli shared an interest in investing in customizable software that would meet the present needs of recording and updating state memberships.

Director Dave Meyer recommended several options that were presently being implemented by Will County.

- Wordpress
- Memberpress
- Buddypress
- Mail Chimp

Bulletin Editor Hilary Ward Schnadt updated the board on the scheduled **newsletter** stating that the process takes approximately 6 weeks overall.

- 1.) A notice is sent to all bee clubs in the state for news submissions. {The latest notice was sent January 5.}
- 2.) Clubs are given two weeks to respond. {Responses will be due January 19.}
- 3.) A week is needed to produce the newsletter and to upload it to the mailing house.
- 4.) The printer needs 1 week to 10 days to print.
- 5.) It takes two weeks before it hits the mailboxes. {The latest issue is scheduled for the end of February.}

NOTE: This Newsletter may need an extra week due to a death in the family.

The Spring newsletter's notice will be sent March 15 and due March 29. The schedule should work around Easter and be sent the end of April, just in time to advertise for the summer meeting.

The **2023 Fall Meeting** was evaluated. A total of 150 people attended. We had a loss of \$3,702.75 in costs. The lunch plan was favored over the traditional boxed lunches. The food line was slow and interfered with the speakers' schedules. Two serving lines might be an option. Attendees need more time to visit vendors and to socialize. Unfortunately, some vendors did not follow through with their commitments to be present.

The **June 22, 2024 Summer Meeting** was discussed. It will be hosted by the Crossroads Beekeepers on June 22 at the Effingham Event Center. The club has scheduled speaker David Burns, an Apitherapist, speakers on how to show honey, make candles and make creamed honey.

The **November 9, 2024 Fall Meeting** will be in Springfield at the Northfield Inn and Convention Center. Bob Bennie and Jamie Ellis will be the keynote speakers.

President Rose Leedle asked for volunteers to help recruit **vendors**.

Secretary Pamela Carter shared with the board that The American Honey Show Training Council is interested in offering a **honey judge training and certification workshop** for the day prior to the fall meeting, on November 8, from 9:00AM – 5:00PM. A fully staffed judging team would run the **state honey show on Saturday** for participants in both the training/certification workshop and attendees of the fall meeting. This could draw 25-30 interested future honey judges. The program certifies judges but is an excellent training and educational program for anyone that desires to improve their honey/wax products for sales.

Vice President Steve Petrilli will call the Conference Center to discuss costs and room sizes available.

Director Dave Meyer raised the question of **how to draw more attendees to our state meetings**. The board brain stormed several unanswered questions that would be good information to have such as: Which meetings draw the biggest crowds? Do the number of days make a difference? Where are people willing to travel to and why?

Discussion followed.

Regarding **Zoom Meetings** – Talking with random members, they would like to see in face meetings. NOT ZOOM. Local associations do not like zoom meetings - table it in the minutes.

The **updated Website** includes: members' log in, newsletters, membership payments, event tickets. It is up to the clubs to collect the membership payments. There are approximately 65-70 members at large. Their fee is \$10 annually.

New business:

Treasurer Mike Mason recommended replacing the old laptop.

Vice President Steve Petrilli submitted the following information:

Updated **Computer** Equipment Needed -

- Purchase of a new printer for the ISBA. The existing ISBA printer, an OLD Canon MX922 print quit working about a month ago, Recommend replacement with an Epson EcoTank (ET3850) printer cost \$399.99 plus tax

- Replacement of the ISBA Laptop PC. It is an OLD OLD OLD Toshiba L775 laptop. It was purchased 13 years ago (before I was ever involved with the ISBA board). Toshiba sold their laptop business to Dynabook in 2015. I maxed out the memory on it and replaced the hard disk drive in it with a solid state disk drive some time ago to extend the life of it because it was taking up to 5 minutes to boot. The changes reduced the boot time to less than 30 seconds and is running Windows 10 on it. It was never expected to run more than Windows 7. Estimated cost for a laptop with 32 gigabytes of ram and a 2 terabyte solid state drive is \$675 plus tax.
 - SAMSUNG T7 Shield 2TB, Portable SSD estimated cost \$170. This would be the external back up for the laptop
- Total Cost around \$1250 plus sales tax.

We are currently looking for an affordable membership system.

Vice President Steve Petrilli will purchase and submit the bills.

Director Doug Leedle made a **motion to make the Purchase.**

Director Bernie Andrew **seconds it**

Treasurer Mike Mason made the **motion to adjourn.**

Vice President Steve Petrilli **Seconds it.**