

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION,
AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION
HELD ON Tuesday, July 21, 2020**

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Beekeepers Association (ISBA), an Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation, was held on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: the report was presented by David and approved by the board. David then presented his resignation as Treasurer for personal reasons and left the meeting. Corky appointed Rose to assume the duties of Treasurer until the Fall elections and the Board approved unanimously. It was also decided that Corky would become a signer on the checks in order to have more than one signer.

Membership Report: currently 1176 dues-paying members. Several clubs are down in memberships and are not meeting or are meeting online. Steve requires all clubs but the smallest to send membership information in electronic format for easier transfer to his records. Otherwise it is extremely time-consuming and inefficient.

Videos: In place of the Summer Meeting three videos will be available through the ISBA website for members and the general public. Adam Dolezal has provided his three-part virtual visit to the Honey Bee Research Center at the University of Illinois. Those by Eleanor Schumacher and May Berenbaum are still in the works.

Fall Meeting: The board discussed several options for the meeting since it is unlikely (per Covid-19) things can proceed as usual. The Agriculture Building at the State Fairgrounds in Springfield will not be available. A local hotel is an option for the meeting site. The Constitution mandates that elections be held in Springfield, so a means of anonymous voting must be available whether the meeting is online or a hybrid with some members present in Springfield and some online. The suggestion was made that voting would be possible using Zoom as the meeting platform.

The board will meet again on August 3 to review the options and decide how to proceed.

Nominating Committee Update: committee members shared names being considered for various positions as well as for the Beekeeper of the Year and the Pioneer Awards.

Summer Meeting 2021: Rose is on the board for HAS and reported that organization is considering SIUE-Carbondale at the location for the 2021 HAS meeting. Rose suggested ISBA could hold its summer meeting concurrently and the board will pursue that once the HAS meeting plans are more certain.

Regional Director Reports: Larry reported that the NIBA club is offering small group mentoring opportunities in place of large gatherings. Doug discussed some activities of clubs in the southern region. He also mentioned a recent article by Randy Oliver in American Bee Journal about using 1-2 T of Dawn Detergent to a gallon of water instead of alcohol as a mite-wash testing agent.

Many clubs in the state have been using Zoom to hold meetings and some have made videos to bring virtual demonstrations and information to their members in place of meeting in person.

The next Board meeting will be held on August 3, 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 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charity Davis-Woodard

Charity Davis-Woodard, Secretary