

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION,  
AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION  
HELD ON Tuesday, September 15, 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, September 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Rose submitted August report to Board members via email earlier in the day along with her estimated budget for 2021. A question was raised as to why the estimated expense for bulletins is higher for 2021 and Rose responded it is simply an estimate for 4-5 editions of the Bulletin.

**Membership Report:** Steve submitted provisional membership report to Board members via email earlier in the day and sent final numbers on 9/16/20. Current membership of ISBA stands at 1379 from 23 affiliate associations and members-at-large. Discussion followed of how that compares with past years, other state beekeeping organizations, and what if anything can be done to recruit/maintain membership.

Rich pointed out there is always an ebb and flow to the membership due to beekeeper attrition (quitting because they lost their bees or their interest) balanced by new beekeepers joining.

**Further discussion of how to serve members during pandemic**

--Suspending dues for 2021? **Unanimously voted against**

--Other options? It is the Board's opinion that having lower registration fees for the Summer and Fall meetings in 2021 is a more viable way to support the membership while not jeopardizing the financial security of ISBA.

**Further discussion about options for replacing Fall Meeting**

--More videos available online? Neither of the speakers slated for the 2020 Fall Meeting agreed to provide a video version of their presentation for online distribution to the membership, stating copyright issues.

--Corky and Charity will be looking into providing material from ABF and Sam Ramsey for the November Bulletin and/or ISBA website.

--Bryan previously suggested a Special Edition Bulletin with more professional articles as well as reports from affiliate clubs and members. Marian has set a firm

deadline of October 25 for receipt of material for the November Bulletin. Board members are strongly encouraged to submit content.

### **Beekeeper of the Year Award**

--Rich suggested inviting three previous winners to choose the 2020 BOTY. Using this as a starting point Corky proposed having the three Regional Directors each select a former winner from their area to serve on the committee with them. This committee of six will select a winner from the nominations they receive from the Board. No nominations were received from the membership. Corky wants this finalized by October 10.

### General discussion:

--Rose remains the only one allowed to sign checks as Corky awaits word from the bank that he has been authorized to sign.

--2021 Bulletins will be published in January, April, July and October.

--ISBA support of its members: Many are not aware of the multiple occasions when ISBA has come to the aid of a local or regional organization with legal or "strength in numbers" support.

--Promotion will begin with the November bulletin of the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration to be held at Dadant in Hamilton IL in March 2021.

--Rose has been elected to President of HAS for 2021. Congratulations, Rose!

The next meeting of the Board will take place on October 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Due to poor sound quality the meeting was brought to a quick close with the motion made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charity Davis-Woodard

*Charity Davis-Woodard*, Secretary