

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION,
AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION
HELD ON Monday, April 12, 2021**

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Beekeepers Association (ISBA), an Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation, was held on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report approved as read. The Board also voted to close the PayPal account as it was drawing service fees.

Membership Report: Steve submitted the report to Board members via email. Report was current as of 4/12/2021 and shows a total membership of 1594 with 707 of those set to expire if their renewal is not received by 5/1/21. Those members have been sent an email stating the May 1st deadline and that the March/April Bulletin will be the final one they will receive if a renewal is not received and processed by that deadline.

Summer Meeting: Speakers scheduled for the meeting say they need to appear virtually rather than in person. This is a problem because the organizers, Rose and Doug, report that the hosting site does not have the bandwidth available to support a virtual meeting. The Board discussed several potential local/regional speakers to invite to present in person as well as the option of changing the venue to one with better internet access. A decision was tabled to provide Rose and Doug more time to research the options.

Fall Meeting: Steve informed the Board of his search for an alternative venue to the Agriculture Building at the Fair Grounds. The Northfield Inn and Conference Center in Springfield would be able to accommodate 150 attendees on November 13, 2021 and Steve thinks it would meet our needs extremely well. The Board agreed and we are on their calendar for the meeting.

Nominating Committee: Charity joins Bryan and Larry on the committee. Nominations are being accepted for all Board positions and a notice in the March/April Bulletin will encourage members to nominate themselves or another member beekeeper.

Deadout Workshop: Larry Krengel, Northern District director and organizer of the workshop, reported a total of 240 members registered with 158 participating on the night of the event. A survey sent out to participants generated responses from over 1/3 of the participants and the majority had favorable comments. A link to the recorded workshop was subsequently made available via the ISBA website and members notified of this option. It will also be posted in the Bulletin. Although there is no mechanism for

determining how many times the link has been utilized several anecdotal reports indicate that members are very pleased to have this alternative access to the workshop.

New Computer: Delayed until Steve is not so busy.

State Fair: No news since the last Board meeting.

Bulletin: The March/April issue (first one edited by interim editor Hilary Schnadt) went to the mailing service on April 12 with the web version posted on the same day. Soft deadline for content for next Bulletin is June 23, 2021.

Next meeting date: TBD once Summer Meeting plans have firmed up a bit.

Motion made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting. With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charity Davis-Woodard

Charity Davis-Woodard, Secretary