

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION,
AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION
HELD ON Tuesday, September 3, 2019**

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 3, at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Treasurer's Report

David deferred presenting the report as he had just received several receipts and had not had time to adjust the books accordingly. He will email the report to Board members as soon as possible.

State Fair/Farm Progress Show Updates

Steve reports the 2019 State Fair ice cream sales were very good and that volunteer participation from 6 affiliate organizations was excellent. Strong Fair attendance brought a lot of people through the Illinois building and kept the volunteers busy selling ice cream and answering questions about honey bees.

Steve and Rich set up and staffed the ISBA booth at the 2019 Farm Progress Show which is held every other year in Decatur. The largest outdoor farm event in the country draws worldwide attendance and gave Rich and Steve the opportunity to discuss beekeeping with people from many different countries. The show takes place in Iowa in 2020 and returns to Decatur in August of 2021. Steve and Rich strongly recommend that ISBA participate again and encourage greater volunteer participation to staff the 2021 booth as it is a rare opportunity for this kind of exposure for the organization and a great learning experience for beekeepers.

Fall Meeting November 9, 2019

-A motion was passed to provide free registration and lunch to 5-7 volunteers to help Steve and Rich set up, run and clean up after the meeting. In addition to the behind-the-scenes jobs that take place before and after the meeting, volunteers will help at the registration table, organize and tend to the door prizes, help facilitate lunch by assisting the caterers, provide assistance to the vendors, take care of the refreshment table, and other miscellaneous tasks. Having help with clean-up will be a huge benefit to Steve and Rich.

-Corky has received confirmation from all speakers except Adam Dolezal.

-Rose and Corky are securing door prizes.

-Steve will email the Registration form to Corky to include in the upcoming ISBA Bulletin along with the tentative Agenda for the meeting.

-Rose has reserved a block of rooms at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Springfield. The next Board meeting will be held there on Friday afternoon, November 9, tentatively at 4:00pm.

Pay Pal

Steve and David continue to work toward setting up a separate bank account to accommodate the use of PayPal.

Pioneer and Beekeeper of the Year Award Recipients

One nomination has been received for the Pioneer Award but none for the BOTY. Historically there have been several years when no BOTY award was given.

Regional Directors Travel

Rose made a motion for regional directors to submit the date, mileage and destination of any travel for which they are requesting reimbursement. This information will be kept on file with the Treasurer for auditing purposes. The motion passed unanimously.

Summer Meeting

Bryan has not received confirmation from Gene Robinson but he is hopeful Gene will participate. Other presenters are confirmed and details will be

covered in an upcoming Meetings Committee meeting using ZOOM on September 10.

Regional Reports

-Doug (Southern District Director) reports that there are problems with the honey competition at the DuQuoin State Fair and he is requesting help from ISBA to correct several issues. The Premiums Book of rules needs to be re-written and Steve and Rich agreed to work with the competitive events manager on this.

-Larry (Northern District Director) made a motion for ISBA to endorse a workshop in March on Diagnosing Dead-Outs led by Dewey Caron. The workshop will be held in the Northern Region of Illinois and may be a one-day or two-day event, depending on Professor Caron's availability. The proposed agenda would include a close-up look at actual dead-out colonies, providing clearance is given by Dept. of Ag. Apiary Inspectors. The agenda may also include a half-day lecture and question/answer session by the presenter.

Following much discussion of this proposal the Board voted in favor of Larry pursuing the workshop with 5 in favor, 1 abstention, and 1 opposed.

The next Board meeting will be held in Springfield IL on Friday afternoon, November 9, tentatively at 4:00pm.

Motion made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m., September 3, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charity Davis-Woodard

Charity Davis-Woodard, Secretary