

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION,
AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION
HELD ON Wednesday, July 14, 2021**

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Beekeepers Association (ISBA), an Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation, was held on Wednesday, July 14 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report approved as read.

Membership Report: Steve submitted Membership Report to Board members via email. Current membership stands at 1339 with 3 clubs not reporting. (Will County Beekeepers, Prairieland Beekeepers and Wabash Valley Pollinators) They will be delisted from the Membership Roster.

Summer Meeting: Rose and Doug Leedle hosted the Summer Meeting held at the Rend Lake Recreation Area Visitors Center. Attendance reached capacity at 85 and many positive comments were received. The speakers were EAS Master Beekeeper Kent Williams from Kentucky and Charlie Linder from Illinois. Both are commercial beekeepers, Kent primarily as a honey and queen producer and Charlie for pollination services. A park Ranger also spoke about the pollinator plantings at the Center.

IL State Fair (Springfield IL) August 12-22, 2021. ISBA will not have a booth there this year. The Board passed unanimously a motion to continue supporting up to \$600 for the honey award as long as winner is an ISBA member.

Farm Progress Show (Decatur IL) August 31-September 2, 2021: Rich and Steve will attend with information about honey bees and ISBA. Not sure if they will have an observation hive this year. The show always has strong attendance so good opportunity to spread the word about honey bees value to agriculture.

Fall ISBA Meeting: Jim Tew and Adam Dolezal will be the guest presenters at the meeting. Charity said she would like to try to find a third speaker and had several women beekeepers in mind.

Steve has confirmed with the Northfield Inn Conference Center (Springfield IL) for November 13, 2021. The venue will generously accommodate all aspects of the meeting with seating for 150 people comfortably spaced at 3 per 8' table in the meeting area and a separate large room for the break/lunch and vendor areas. As long as ISBA spends a minimum of \$1500 for food the conference center meeting rooms are free. There will be additional charges for rental of A/V equipment.

The Northfield Inn will reserve a block of rooms for ISBA meeting attendees at \$85/night including breakfast.

The Board unanimously voted to charge members \$20 to attend the meeting and non-members \$30. This includes lunch and break refreshments,

Volunteers will be needed to staff the registration table to check in pre-registered attendees and process any walk-in registrations. Walk-ins will be responsible for their own lunch.

Nominating Committee for Board Members (Larry Krengel, Bryan Miller, Charity Davis-Woodard): The committee continues to work on a slate to submit to the Board. At this date the following names have been submitted for consideration: Rose Leedle for President, Steve Petrilli for Vice President, Kathy Kaesebier for Treasurer, Andrew O'Connell for Central Regional Director and Doug Leedle for Southern Regional Director.

Beekeeper of the Year, Pioneer Award, Steve Chard Award Nominees: No names have been submitted yet so discussion tabled for next meeting.

Bulletin: Rose put forth a motion to hire Hilary Schnadt as Bulletin Editor and the Board voted unanimously in favor. The Board is grateful for her excellent volunteer efforts to publish the previous two editions. Welcome aboard, Hilary!

Summer Meeting 2022: Will be held in northern district and Larry Krengel has begun working on it.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on August 24 or 25, 2021 to be determined shortly.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting. With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charity Davis-Woodard

Charity Davis-Woodard, Secretary