The Illinois State University Beekeeping Club  
(Unapproved) Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2012  
Moulton Hall Room 307B, Illinois State University Normal, Illinois

Present:
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  Morgan Kirkham - morgan.kirkham@comcast.net
  Chase Soderlund - cmsoder@ilstu.edu

Call to Order:  
President Melissa Shinke opened the meeting at 8:00pm

A. Discussion Items

• New email address
  Josh Lindsey registered ilbeekeepers@gmail.com for the group’s use. Future emails to group members will be sent from this address, and it will also be the one used in flyers.

• Items to purchase
  - Carl Wenning noted that the group should spend some of the remaining $1,200 from the Student Sustainability Fund grant that the club received in the spring semester. The current list of items to purchase includes:
    - Toolboxes (3) from Brushy Mountain
    - Labels for the 1,000 bears and caps that the club already purchased. These need to include the weight of the honey to comply with Illinois State law. Joe Sibley recommended the use of blank labels that can be used in a standard laser printer.
    - Honey sticks to handed out at promotional events for the club
  - The purchases were approved and Carl will place the orders

• Additional Funds
  - The club needs to prepare a proposal for the Student Sustainability Committee to receive AY13 funding.
  - Resources from the Project Fund has already been allocated for this academic year.
  - Resources from the Opportunity Fund are still available, but the small amounts available from this fund will not cover significant purchases.
  - The additional funding is required for a sap/honey house at the Sugar Grove Nature Center which will be used as an educational resource and for storage. Permits are currently pending for new construction. More information will be available September 12. Construction may cost less than $50,000
  - Additional Funding is also desired to construct a storage shed at the Horticulture Center. A shed is required to have equipment readily available in town for apiary tours and other activities.
Chase Soderlund expressed interest in assisting with the large projects.

• Bike Club September 21
  - The bike club will be taking a tour of the Horticulture Center. Carl will be present to spend any available time discussing the apiary and the club.

• Apiary Tours
  - The next apiary tour will take place Sunday September 16, 2012 for the attendees of the meeting. All attendees expressed interest in joining, even bringing family along. Carl and Josh will meet at the west entrance of the Bone Student Center, where the Peoria Charter and other lines pick up and drop off, at 12:30pm to pick up any member who needs a ride from campus to the Horticulture Center.
  - Another apiary tour will take place about 2 weeks later. Exact date and time are yet to be determined.

• Preparation for the October 13 workshop
  - The online registration page is now available for guests to sign up to attend the workshop. Joe and Bobbie Sibley reserved an auditorium at the Farm Bureau building in Bloomington, carpools will be arranged. Presentations are already available from the previous workshop. Carl will manage the workshop and arrange for speakers, printing, and supplies as with the spring workshop.

• Promotional Activities
  - An ad-hoc committee was proposed and approved to design promotional materials and schedule public outreach events. Volunteers included Jenny, Melissa, Josh and Carl
  - Members suggested various events that would be good for the club to attend; including ISU Fest in the fall, and the IWU sustainability fair in the spring.

• Registering a business
  - An ad-hoc committee was proposed and approved to look into the process of setting up a business.
  - As a registered RSO, the group is currently allowed to collect money from “fundraising, bake sales, co-sponsorships with departments and/or other RSOs, program entry fees, and RSOs can apply for funds under the organization name through the RSO Program Fund and RSO Opportunity Fund.”
  - The committee will investigate the advantages of operating as a business, and will also investigate any laws that require an ISU RSO to pay state sales taxes.

B. Proposed Committees

• Promotional committee
  - Purpose: To raise awareness of the group and its activities
  - Volunteers to serve: Jenny, Melissa, Josh and Carl
  - Need a volunteer to chair this committee

• Business and sales committee
  - Purpose: To investigate the process and benefits of operating as a licensed business and check that the club is following state law when selling honey.
  - Volunteers to serve: Chris, Jenny, Jen, Josh and Carl
  - Carl agreed to chair this committee
C. November Elections

· Elections for officer positions will take place at the November meeting
· Positions and candidates:
  President - Melissa Shinke
  Faculty Advisor - Carl Wenning
  Vice President - Jenny Kamm, Chase Soderlund
  Secretary - Mark Hodges, Chase Soderlund
  Treasurer - Alec Baran

· A Project Manager position was also proposed
· Any changes to the constitution need to be made before the elections

D. Topics for the November meeting

· Cooking with Honey
· Mead and beer brewing
· Candle making
· Winter hive management

Adjournment:

  Motion made by Joe Sibley to adjourn, seconded by Josh Lindsey
  Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm