ISU Beekeeping Club
Minutes for the Meeting of October 16, 2013
Moulton Hall Room 309

Call to order: The meeting began at 7:40 pm. In attendance were the following: Maureen Dubczuk, Ken Wester, David Moechnig, Jessica Draper, Kim Brown, Carmen Brown, Joe Sibley, Morgan Kirkham, Patrick Owor, Tom Pankonen, Patti Koranda, Pres. Kelsey Cravens, Vice Pres. Jenny Kamm, Secretary Mark Hodges, Treasurer Alec Baran, and Advisor Carl Wenning.

Officer Reports:
• Secretary’s Report: The minutes of the meeting on September 25, 2013, were read and approved.
• Treasurer’s Report: We have $939.30, where $68 came from dues, and $60 came from honey, where $710 are specifically for the Dadant field trip.
• President’s Report: no report this meeting.

Old Business:
• The field trip we were planning will not happen due to insurance concerns; other ideas for another field trip are being considered:
  o A beekeeping museum in Wisconsin (Carl will check this out)
  o An Illinois queen producer (Tom knows who this is)
  o The Bee lab and pollinatarium at University of Illinois.
• Help was asked for the Autumn Celebration at Sugar Grove Nature Center on October 19.
• A draft honey house contract was read by Carl and approved for sending to the SGNC.
• The American Bee Journal article is coming along nicely; input is still needed from officers and maybe others.

New Business:
• Proposed draft logo ideas were examined; we asked Kim Brown to colorize them and bring them back
• A poster for the club was postponed with Kinko’s as a possible producer; options will still be looked at such as the company inside of the Bone Student Center, and another company proposed by David Moechnig where it was very cheap.
• $50 was allotted to Carl for the purchase of labels and/or a rubber stamper for our bear bottles
• For the Introduction to Beekeeping workshop, we decided to push the date back to very late January or early February. Carl will check with Bobbie Sibley about availability of the Cooperative Extension Service Center for use.
• It was suggested that we go look at Carl’s hive at his home on the weekend of October 25
• We decided against a receipt book for dues and other payments
**Upcoming Events:** The next regular meeting will be on November 6, 7:30 *Where have all the Bees gone?* Local apiary inspector Jim Wellwood will present.

**Talk:** Kim Brown gave a 30-minute talk about her first year of beekeeping and her successes and failures in this first year

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:53

Following the meeting, several members used the club’s refractometer to test their honey for water content. We also used club’s colorimeter to determine color grades. Kim Brown produced water white honey during the spring of her first year; others produced various amber color grades.