DRAFT Minutes of the ISU Beekeeping Club Meeting, February 28, 2013
Moulton Hall, Room 309

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 p.m. In attendance were the following: Melissa Shinke, President; Alec Baran, Treasurer; Carl Wenning, Advisor; Brad Griffin; Joe Sibley; Patti Koranda; Morgan Kirkham; and Kelsey Cravens; Randall Carriger. Absent were Vice President Chase Sunderlund and Secretary Mark Hodges.

Officer Reports:

- Secretary’s Report: In the absence of the Secretary, Carl Wenning read the minutes of the prior meeting.
- Treasurer: Alec Baran, working with Carl, reported the collection of $40 in membership dues at the last meeting. The club’s prior balance was $172.47 last meeting. With the pending deposit, this will bring the balance to $212.47 leaving a deficit of $54.07 due to an unpaid invoice in the amount of $266.54 due to Carl for the purchase of 3 Merrell tool boxes, honey sticks, and bear container seals.

Old Business:

- Melissa reported about Winterfest noting that we gave away four flavors of honey sticks as a way to entice visits to our both in the Bone Student Center ballroom. We had perhaps 50 students stop by and for a visit, each showing a different degree of interest.
- Carl reported on the registration numbers for beekeeping workshop. There are currently four individuals signed up, but we have yet to do any advertising beyond our immediate group. This will need to be taken care of soon with an April 1 registration deadline.
- Melissa pointed out a Vidette article that showed her recently with a beehive. She used the very nice feature article to point out the existence of the Beekeeping Club and its April 20th workshop.
- Carl reported that he had requested a courtesy link on ISBA website but has heard absolutely nothing back from the webmaster.
- Carl briefly brought up ISU Beekeeping Club membership as an affiliate of the ISBA, but it was quickly noted that we do not have the funds to pay for any sort of group memberships. Individuals may join on their own however.

New Business:

- Carl pointed out that speakers will be needed for April 20th beekeeping workshop as Josh will not be with us. He pointed out Josh’s three talks and asked for volunteers. None were forthcoming. Carl noted that he would contact some of the other experienced beekeeper in the area such as Tom Pankoenen.
- Carl asked for a volunteer to promote the April 20th beekeeping workshop, but no one stepped forth. It was then suggested by Joe Sibley that without adequate attendance, the spring workshop might be cancelled with the club doing only autumn workshops in the future.
- In light of recent requests for clarification, the following Standing Rules were proposed:

  Standing Rule #1 - Private Property: Personal beekeeping equipment in all its forms, no matter if located on ISU possessions or private land, is to be considered private property. Club members may not use private property without the prior approval of the owner.

  Standing Rule #2 – When club use is made of the ISU Horticulture Center for public beekeeping club purposes (hive openings, photo sessions, etc.), the leadership of the Beekeeping Club will inform its director in advance.

Following a motion and a second, there was not discussion about either. They were passed unanimously.
- Melissa noted that nominations are needed for April election (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer). Melissa will be student teaching all next school years in Chicago and will not be available.
- A general discussion ensued relating to setting out hives this spring – locations are needed. The club has 6
hives that can be set out (assuming we can collect enough swarms), and we might agree to place these on members’ property if an inadequate number of locations are available on “public” property. We might add a few at the ISU Horticulture Center and a few more at Heartland Community College. Carl will investigate.

• Carl mentioned that the time was “ripe” (pending an end-of-meeting announcement) to write an article about the ISU Beekeeping Club on behalf of American Bee Journal. Noted that they tend to pay well and that he would gladly work with a student to write such an article (he was a feature writer for ABJ from 1999-2004) so long as the income would be turned over to the club. He had no takers.

Presentation: Joe Sibley then gave a well-received 30-minute talk titled, “Installing and Feeding Bees”. The membership moved to Moulton 307B for enhanced visibility prior to the start of his talk.

Announcements:

• ISBA Summer Meeting will be held on June 29, 2013, Gurnee, IL, see the ISBA website for details.
• Don’t forget to sign up for April 20th workshop; deadline April 1st
• Results of requests for money:
  o $36 opportunity fund request – not funded
  o $710 program fund request – haven’t heard anything yet
  o $20,500 sustainability fund request – FUNDED!
• Next meeting including topic(s):
  o March 21, 2013, Thursday, 8:00 p.m., Moulton 309
    ▪ Topic: Finding a Queen Among 50,000 Workers - Carl Wenning will talk about a technique he has developed using the psychological principle of “automatic processing” to find one unique bee among 50,000 others in a hive.
  o Aril 11, 2013, Thursday, 8:00 p.m., Moulton 309
    ▪ Topic: Safety in the Bee Yard - Now that spring is upon us and we will be setting out our hives, Carl Wenning will talk about potential harm that can come to careless beekeepers - from poisoning and burns to cuts

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl J. Wenning, Secretary pro tem