ISU Beekeeping Club
Minutes for the meeting of February 12, 2014
Moulton Hall 309

Call to Order:
The meeting began at about 7:45 pm. In attendance were the following: Jarek Palmer, David Moechnig, Tom Pankonen, Patti Koranda, Ken Wester, Kim Brown, Darvin Miller, Carla Whalen, Ron Martin, Mike O’Grady, Matthew Gerjol, Pres. Kelsey Cravens, V. Pres. Jenny Kamm, Secretary Mark Hodges, Treasurer Alec Baran, and Advisor Carl Wenning.

Officer Reports:
Secretary’s Report: The minutes of the meeting on November 6, 2013 were ready by Vice President Jenny Kamm and approved.
Treasurer’s Report: Alec note that we made about $430 dollars from the January workshop and gave a reminder that semester dues are $5 dollars.

Old Business:
- A club logo has been selected for the club, you may view it on our Facebook page and website.
- A motion to approve Carl spending money to purchase a banner with our new logo on it was approved.
- We approved a motion to affiliate with the Illinois State Beekeeping Association.
  - We will have a link from their website to ours and vice versa.
  - If you want a membership, ISBA dues are $10 dollars and with that membership many benefits come (Carl has more information).
- American Bee Journal article:
  - Nearly completed will be sent in very soon
  - Will acquire around $300 dollars for the club
- Stamper for labels has been obtained

New Business:
- Review of January 25th Workshop
  - All high reviews, wanting more information, but no longer period of time
- Status of ISU Beekeeping Club Hives
  - Ken Wester, Patti Koranda, and Bob Williams’ hive(s) are most likely dead. Teresa Wenning’s is questionable
- A sign-up sheet was passed around for a swarm need and capturing call list
- Field Trip
  - Terry Combs has invited us to the Illinois Queen Initiative Apiary workshop
  - The funds that we have from the Student Government Association cannot be used for non-students and might probably should return the $710 SGA allocation
- About 10 people present are interested in an April field day in rural Heyworth to be hosted by Tom Pankonen.
• The club approved helping the Sugar Grove Nature Center with an observation hive by providing frames with foundation, bees, and management. It was suggested that an Ulster Observation Hive be used in lieu of the current plans.
• It was decided that we will participate in the Miller Park Zoo’s Party for the Planet on Saturday, April 19th, from 1-3 p.m.
  o The question remains, “May we bring an observation frame?”
• What do we want or need for the good of the club?
  o A demonstration hive with photographic inserts that show the stages of a bee in the cells of a hive
  o More interaction with bees
    ▪ Marlin Hershberger said he is willing to have anyone come visit and see what he does
    ▪ Tom said the second week of April is very busy and he would show people how to make nucs and other things

**Speaker:**
Tom Pankonen spoke for 40 minutes about making and using nuclear (nuc) beehives.

**Announcements:**
• There was a December 3rd Pantagraph article about the club’s support for the Sap and Honey House at SGNC
• Possible St. Clair Beekeepers Association donation to ISU Beekeeping Club
• Make sure to check out ISU Beekeeping’s Facebook page and Website
• Our next meeting will be held on March 19: Nectar and Pollen Plants - Patti Koranda will speak about common nectar and pollen plants that honeybees use
• Election for 2014-2015 officers will take place at the April meeting

**Adjournment:**
The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.