ISU BEEKEEPING CLUB MINUTES
April 22, 2015

Call to Order – With the absence of all other club officers, Secretary Mark Hodges served as president pro tem and conducted the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. with some 20 members in attendance.

Program – Mark began the meeting by introducing Jennifer Dadant Blum, a member of the Dadant beekeeping family. She presented a video about the 6-generation history of Dadant & Sons, Inc., of Hamilton, IL. She followed up with a question & answer session about the company, its practices, and its history.

Officer Reports:
• Secretary’s Report – Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved without correction.
• Treasurer’s Report – With the treasurer being absent, it was surmised from the minutes and transactions described therein that the balance of the treasuring was currently on the order of $1,500. (Advisor’s note: The correct balance is $1,335.63 after paying the expenses for the March meeting invited speaker.)

Old Business:
• There was no formal report from Educational Materials Committee (Mark, Patti, Jenny, & Carl). However, plans are being generated for a loaner library and the purchase of some smaller display materials for use during displays. Carl noted that he has a number of beekeeping books that he will add to the library started with a donation by Patti.

New Business:
• Nominations for 2015-2016 officer positions were taken. Mark Hodges was nominated as president, and X was nominated for secretary resulting in the following slate of candidates:
  o Anthony Irsuto & Mark Hodges, President
  o Maureen Dubczek, Vice President,
  o Mark Hodges & Kaci Christensen, Secretary
  o Alec Baran, Treasurer
• Following a call for a secret ballot, the election of 2015-2016 club officers was then held with the following results:
  o Mark Hodges, President
  o Maureen Dubczek, Vice President,
  o Kaci Christensen, Secretary
  o Alec Baran, Treasurer
• Car noted that the club needs to register its 5 beehives. He confirmed the locations of 4 (Patti Koranda, Ken Wester (2), and Teresa Wenning), and will confirm the location of the fifth hive with Morgan Kirkahm shortly. He will then turn in the registration form.
• Patti, Carl, and Jennifer brought up the idea of having a permanent beekeeping display in the agricultural section at the Children’s Discover Museum where Jennifer works. The membership approved the concept without allocating any funds.
• The club agreed to register for and set up a display at the August 27th Festival ISU on the Quad.
• There was discussion about adding a new officer to the mix – that being an officer for promotion of the club and its events. The idea was well received, but it was also pointed out that this is the duty of the vice president. Carl promised to look into the club’s constitution and make suggestions for improvements as the constitution was created from a boiler plate example provided by ISU that in need of revision now that the club has been in existence for 3 academic years. These suggestions will be addressed at the September meeting of the club.

Upcoming Events:
• Saturday May 9th will be a Beekeeping Field Day at SGNC, 10-12 and 1-3 with 3:15-4:15 set aside for a hive opening, weather permitting. Registration fee required. Members were referred to www.sugargrovenaturecenter.org/register.html for registration.
• On June 6th Sugar Grove Nature Center will be hosting National Trails Day from 10AM to 3PM. The ISU Beekeeping Club will host a display, but details have yet to be worked out.
• The ISU Beekeeping Club will give an hour-long introduction to beekeeping presentation at Bloomington Public Library on Sunday, August 23, 2015. The event starts at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room. It is open to the general public. In this talk attendees will learn about why bees are ecologically important and what one needs to start a hive.
• The next ISU Beekeeping Club Introduction to Beekeeping Workshop has been slated for Saturday, November 7, 2015, at University of Illinois Extension in Bloomington.

Announcements:
• We must re-register the club after elections. Mark and Carl will take care of this.
• By university mandate, Carl has set up a separate bank account for club-generated funds; the account is at Heartland Bank & Trust. Carl will make Secretary Alec Baran signatory in addition to himself as Carl does not want to write checks to himself for reimbursement. This would constitute a conflict of interest for Carl.
• Carl noted that distribution of pre-paid ISU Beekeeping Club apparel will be done in his office following the close of the meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Wenning, Secretary pro tem