

# NW PA MAPLE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> 2013

The regular monthly meeting was held at Gary and Shirley Bilek's home at 7pm. Attending were Bill and Marge Phillips, Bob and Bonnie Boylan, Keith Talbot, Gary Regelman, Chris Casbohm, Dennis Northrop, Laura Dengler, Phil McAtee, Daryl Sheets, Jim Bortles, Ruby and Burton Kimball, Greg Walberg, Jason and Trisha Palmer, Gary and Shirley Bilek and Lew Steckler.

The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed and approved. Motion by Laura, Seconded by Dennis and passed. A written treasurer report was reviewed. Motion to accept by Bonnie, seconded by Chris and passed.

### OLD BUSINESS:

More discussion concerning a meeting or something to replace our old January Annual meeting. Possibly a scaled down meeting without a special speaker?

Marge reported on the Taste and Tour survey results. The survey was sent to all whom Had their sugar house open for T&T. Many ideas discussed for improving advertising for next year. Most returns favored the current brochure and the single weekend in mid March for the T&T. Very few of the coupons were turned in.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Bill confirmed chairpersons of Crawford County Fair maple booth as the Palmers.

Wattsburg Erie County Fair- Phil McAtee

Spartansburg-undecided

Taste and Tour chairpersons- Bill and Marge

Farm Show – Ruby

Bill presented the Certificate from Governor thru Secretary of Ag. tapping ceremony proclaiming maple month. Gary reported the state meeting will be April 20<sup>th</sup> in State College. Jim Bortles suggested a classified section on our web site.

Prices of syrup Light Amber-\$2.70, Medium and Dark Amber \$2.65, B grade \$2.50 and C \$2.00.

Each producer gave a season wrap-up for their operation (average year to excellent). Many gallons of great tasting light and medium amber were made.

Laura made a motion to hold T&T weekend for 2014 on March 15 and 16 seconded by Shirley and passed. Laura made a second motion for the 2015 T&T March 14 and 15 Seconded by Lew and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20. Thanks to Bilek's for refreshments. Next meeting Bob and Bonnie Boylan on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Lew Steckler -- Secretary

