

# **NW PA MAPLE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION**

## **MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2013**

The regular monthly meeting was held at Laura Dengler's home at 7pm. Attending were Bill and Marge Phillips, Chris Casbohm, Gary and Shirley Bilek, Laura Dengler, Bob Kent, Burton and Ruby Kimball, Phil McAtee, Trisha and Jason Palmer, Bob and Bonnie Boylan and Lew Steckler.

The minutes of Sept. and Oct. meeting were reviewed and approved. Motion by Laura seconded by Gary and passed. There was no formal meeting in Nov.(LEME) or Dec. dinner at Eagle hotel. A written treasurer report was passed out and reviewed. corrections were made by Daryl and included in the report. Motion to accept by Phil seconded by Bob and passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Gary reported that LEME had a profit of about \$3000 and a check for \$2000 was presented to the Albion NW High School FFA chapter for their efforts in making the event a success. They did a nice job and many good comments were heard about our first expo. Dates for next year are Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

Lew talked about letter from Maple Museum in New York state. Our group decided to pass. Motion by Bill seconded by Phil and passed.

Phil presented results of PA Farm Show and talked about the success of the state sponsored maple booth. Sales were good (both syrup and maple treats). Congratulations to Jan Woods, Gary, and Laura on their blue ribbons. Phil also mentioned that an additional license required by Act 106 may be needed by producers to enter items in next years farm show.

Gary reported that seal used for maple cream containers were almost gone-we need to order more. Motion by Laura seconded by Bill to purchased 10,000 of each size to resell to members. This was passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Election of Officers for 2013. Nominations for President and Vice-president were Bill Phillips and Jason Palmer respectively. Offices of Secretary Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer will remain unchanged. Representatives to state maple association will be Gary and Laura with Phil being an alternate. Congratulations to the 2013 officers.

Marge reviewed Taste and Tour coming up March 16 and 17<sup>th</sup>. Brochures are being delivered tonight. There are 15 producers plus the Edinboro Historical Society that paid \$100 to offset cost of T & T advertising. After further discussion it was decided to spend additional funds on printed adds.(Red Plum and Area Shopper). Motion by Lew to fund up to \$1800.00 for advertising of T & T seconded by Phil and passed. Gary will contact Red Plum for full page add on inside cover in the New Castle and Butler areas. Bonnie and Laura will secure the Area Shopper

In addition, our association requested the \$100 that the state has to assist the us in promotions and advertising for the upcoming T & T. Thanks to Shirley and Phil.

Other new business discussion concerning an event for our producers to replace annual meeting in January. Many producers also paid their annual dues at this January meeting. Laura talked about workshops at sugarhouses, demos,etc. Come to the April meeting with any suggestions or ideas.

Meeting dates were tentatively set for the coming year:

February – no meeting  
March 16 and 17 -Taste and Tour weekend  
April 11 - Gary and Shirley Bilek 7pm  
May 9 - Bob and Bonnie Boylan  
June 13  
July 11  
August 8  
September – no meeting  
October 10  
November LEME Nov. 8 and 9  
December 12 – dinner meeting

Officers for 2013:

Bill Phillips – President  
Jason Palmer – Vice-President  
Daryl Sheets- Treasurer  
Lew Steckler- Secretary  
Trisha Palmer- Corresponding Secretary

Meeting adjourned at 9:15. Thank you Laura for the refreshments.

May you all have a great sugaring season and a safe one.

Lew Steckler,  
Secretary