

NW PA MAPLE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MAY 9th 2013

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

The minutes of the April 11th meeting were presented and reviewed. Motion to accept by Jim and seconded by Chris and passed. A written treasurer's report was reviewed. balance of May 9th was \$34,577.77. Motion to accept by Jim seconded by Laura and passed. Jim made a second motion to have LEME numbers from that separate account also available at regular meetings. This was seconded by Jason and passed.

Correspondence: Chairman reviewed a letter from Phil at Asbury Woods thanking us for the donation for the state tour last September. Also a letter from North East Fair inviting members to exhibit maple products at their fair in Sept. 2013.

OLD BUSINESS: Phil will be unavailable during Wattsburg Fair. We need a chairperson for this year. Members also discussed Dennis Northrop request to rent two machines for Spartansburg Fair (milk shake and cotton candy). He will pay all fees, license, supplies, etc. and keep profits. This would be a maple booth similar to Laura's at Waterford Fair and Bilek's at Albion. It was decided to have Greg Walberg talk to Dennis about a 1 year rental of above equipment if he does not buy his own.

More discussion about a Jan. meeting(annual meeting) where many came for the meal and paid their annual dues. Maybe the dues could be included in the LEME fees? Much discussion about assisting new sugarmakers. Laura volunteered to host a show and tell meeting in late July for that purpose. More to follow at future meetings. Daryl said that LEME will have seminars on Friday on topics such as tubing and filtering. This would be held at local sugarhouses during the afternoon before sessions that evening at NW HS

NEW BUSINESS: More group discussion on helping new producers by providing guidelines to making great tasting syrup that is safer to the consuming public. In a related matter the mold statement on jugs was reviewed. It was decided to ask manufacturer if this could be removed on the new jug order. Motion by Jim seconded by Burton and passed.

Gary reported on the state maple meeting in State College. We can receive \$100 from state to assist in advertising costs for LEME and other special events we host.

Motion made by Jim to increase fee paid to treasurer, secretary, and corresponding ssecretary to \$150. seconded by Laura and passed. General discussion about T&T and fairs and a tour of sugarhouse equipment.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm. Thanks to Boylan's for refreshments. Next meeting June 13th at Bilek's.

Lew Steckler, Secretary

