

NW PA MAPLE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2012

The regular meeting was held at Gary and Shirley Bilek's at 7pm. Attending were: Chris Casholm, Jim Bortles, Burton and Ruby Kimball, Bill and Marge Phillips, Jason and Trisha Palmer, Laura Dengler, Dave Yochim, Phil McAtee, Jan Woods, Lew Steckler, and Gary and Shirley Bilek.

Minutes of the May meeting were reviewed and after adding Ray Gingrich as a guest They were approved. Motion by Jim seconded by Bill.

A written treasurer report was presented showing a balance of \$20,976.79. Motion to Accept by Laura, seconded by Jim and passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Jim will send in a minimum order for 5 gal. Plastic containers to be stored and sold at Northrop's. Motion by Laura, seconded by Jim and passed. Gary presented a written report of Farm Show prices, mileage, hours worked Relationships. This was for review and comment.

NEW BUSINESS: Jason report on new committee to improve attendance at sugar houses on T & T weekend – plan to survey producers in T & T and those not. Committee plans to discuss and report at future meetings.

Chris attended a meeting on Lake Erie Maple Expo with Ohio and New York this past Monday. This group will meet monthly until the Nov. 10th meeting (former annual meeting). This looks like a good thing with all excited about attendance and speakers.

Gary passed out copies of the state tour mailings, information packets, registration forms and news article for Maple Digest. Also presented budget estimates for the event including tour buses. Excellent work on all the materials. Showed samples of license plates that will be used as favors.

Dennis ordered jugs (a semi-load) to be delivered in mid September. Jim has contacted Pa. Sec. of Ag. to attend some of our meetings and declare Feb. maple month while tapping a sugar maple with new media to cover the story. He plans to attend Expo.

There was a bid of \$325 for the trailer owned by the association. Check to see if Daryl wants to bid higher. There was discussion about stainless steel barrels.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45. Thanks Gary and Shirley and family for the milk shakes and cookies. Next meeting July 12th at Bilek.

Lew Steckler, Secretary