

# **NW PA MAPLE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION**

## **MUNUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2012**

The regular monthly meeting was held at Laura Dengler's home Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Attending were: Chris Casbohm, Jim Bortles, Daryl Sheets, Phil McAtee, Gary and Shirley Bilek, Jason and Trisha Palmer, Jan Woods, Dennis Northrop, Laura Dengler, Greg Walberg, Burton and Ruby Kimball, Lew Steckler, and new members Bob and Bonnie Boylan.

Minutes were reviewed from the August meeting and approved. Motion by Laura, seconded by Phil and passed. Written treasurer's report from Daryl was passed out and discussed. Income and expenses from fairs was included with an ending balance of \$42,111.32. Trisha also had a detailed report and break-down of expenses from the three fair food booths. It was noted that this is our biggest money maker. Motion to accept reports by Jan seconded by Jan and passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Discussion led by Trisha on fairs. New sheets to be developed to track sales and expenses. It was noted that a letter is needed for non-profits. Also try to buy supplies in bulk(Sam's Club) to be used at all booths if needed. Suggested to buy plastic storage boxes to keep cups etc. until next year. Several workers noted request for smaller milk shakes – solution offer two sizes. The weather cooperated this year and we did well. Thanks to all who worked.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jim will order 2 1/2 and 5 gal. plastic containers with a minimum order of \$250.00. These will be stored with other jugs at Northrop's. Members were updated on Lake Erie Maple Expo which will be at Northwestern H.S. Nov. 9 and 10 in Albion, Pa. Daryl made a motion to have us pay for a mailing to members. This was seconded by Phil and passed. Gary discussed State Tour next week headquartered at Day's Inn, Meadville. Tours are all set. Jim will check out bus routes. Ruby making program packets for those registered. We need name tags and center pieces for tables.

We continued to talk about best ways to advertise the Taste and Tour. If you have any good ideas or suggestions let us know.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05. Thank you for the great apple dumplings.  
Next meeting Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> at Asbury Woods Nature Center at 7pm.

Lew Steckler  
Secretary