

NW PA MAPLE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2012

The regular meeting was held at Gary and Shirley Bilek's at 7pm. Attending were: Chris Casholm, Jim Bortles, Gary and Shirley Bilek, Phil McAtee, Jason and Trisha Palmer, Lew Steckler, Daryl Sheets, Greg Walberg, Jan Woods, Burton and Ruby Kimball.

Minutes were reviewed from the July meeting. Minutes approved. Motion by Jim, seconded by Daryl and passed. A written treasurer's report was passed out. Daryl has started a new account for the Great Lakes Maple meeting in Nov. Current balance is \$29,906.01. Motion to accept Shirley, seconded by Lew and passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Trisha and Jason reported preparations are being made for maple stand at the fairs. Supplies will be inventoried and work schedules filled.

State Tour Sept. 27,28,29. Gary passed out schedule of events and registration forms. Daryl reported six reservations received already.

Lew reported that Bill and Marge got two bids for printing placemats and brochures used for the Taste and Tour weekend. It was agreed to select the lowest bid with the amount of placemats and brochures to be similar to the previous year. After discussion it was decided to raise T & T fee to \$100 to assist in covering the advertising cost. Motion by Jim seconded by Gary and passed.

Daryl and Chris reported on Lake Erie Maple Expo with Ohio and NY. Plan to have up to 32 different sessions and /or topics. Cost will be \$40 for both Fri. and Sat. or \$25 for Sat only. Two of the main speakers will be Tim Walmack and Mike Farrell. Chris asked for ideas to replace our Jan. annual meeting and incentives for working at the fairs. After discussion we voted to lower annual dues to \$10 per member. In addition one work shift at a fair reduces dues to \$5 and 2 shifts equal free membership in the following year. Motion made by Gary and seconded by Jim and passed.

Motion to adjourn at 9:05. Thanks to Bilek's for the refreshments.
Next meeting Sept. 18th at Laura Denglers.

Lew Steckler,
Secretary