

NW PA MAPLE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2012

The monthly meeting was held at Asbury Nature Center, Erie, PA at 7 p.m. Attending were: Burton and Ruby Kimball, Gary and Shirley Bilek, Phil McAtee, Daryl Sheets, Chris Casbohm, Jim Bortles, Bill and Margery Phillips.

No copy of last September minutes were available for review. A written treasurer's report was passed out. Beginning balance was \$42,111.32, income of \$8749.85, expenses of \$10,088.50, leave a balance in account of \$40,772.67. The State Tour costs \$11,294, expenses were \$7388.04 plus \$44.08, leaving a profit of \$3059.08. Jim Bortles made a motion to accept treasurer's report, seconded by Phil and passed.

Old Business:

Gary Bilek reported the State Tour in September went well. Approximately 55 people attend the first day, 50 the second day and 80 attended the banquet. Gary had received no feedback. Everyone seemed pleased with the tour.

Jim Bortles has ordered 5 gallon containers which will sell for \$8 per container. They expect Denny to have containers by the end of the month.

New Business:

Phil McAtee is looking for people to work at Farm Show in January. You need to work 8 hours at show. Call Phil if you can work. .

Lake Erie Maple Expo: All looks well for show. Extra help may be needed. Gary Bilek made a motion to transfer up to \$3000 into LEME account as needed for start up. Bill Phillips seconded motion. Passed
We will try to get more publicity in newspapers

Taste and Tour: Discussion on the cost of Taste and Tour and advertising. A discussion on cutting amount of brochures and no placemats. No decision was made. Bill reported only one sugar house has signed up so far.

There will be no November Meeting. Marge Phillips will check on a December dinner meeting .

Respectfully submitted:

Margery Phillips

December Dinner Meeting: 6 P.m. on Thursday, December 13th at the Eagle Hotel in Waterford, PA. Spouses are invited.