

Minutes of Horticultural Inspection Society-Eastern Branch:

13 April 2010

President called 36th annual meeting to order with opening remarks.

Member states present: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, West Virginia.

Minutes of previous annual meeting read. Motion to accept, 2nd and passed.

Treasurer's report: \$2169.11. Income: \$417.51. Total account balance \$2,586.62 Motion to accept, 2nd and passed.

Archivist report: All records from past meetings are present at this meeting. Motion to accept, 2nd and passed.

Website report: No report.

Newsletter: No newsletter this year. There is no new information. Needs information from members to include in newsletter. Motion to accept, 2nd and passed.

Old Business:

1. Constitution changes: Discussion about quorum issues referencing member states which have no representative (active) within the organization. The lack of representation from a member state biases quorum requirements. Discussion about clarification of changes.
2. Membership logo shirts: New York has contacts with company who can make logo shirts.
 - a. \$75.00 set up fee.
 - b. Can be ordered—No inventory.
 - c. We can turn a "little" profit on purchases by members.
 - d. Colors probably Tan or Forest Green.
 - e. Motion to accept set up fee of \$75.00 up to \$125.00. 2nd passed.

New Business:

1. In the past we have invited PPQ (Billy Newton) to HIS. He has offered help for HIS meeting and discussion. There is farm bill money available to train inspectors. East/West coast inspectors visiting opposite coasts. A type of train the trainer program. A cooperative program from USDA. The program will be for one member from each member state. The program will cover everything but inspector's salary. Billy will coordinate with west coast officials on pests there (i.e. Sudden Oak Death, Light Apple Brown Moth). In turn, west coast inspectors to come to east coast to observe pests (i.e. EAB, ALB). The inspectors will be in HIS membership. This also could be an incentive for members to retain their HIS membership. Our group will get with Billy to discuss what we need to do.

[Side note: IES training. Will be cooperative agreement and bring HIS members but not at HIS meeting. The training would be too condensed. The IES training needs to be an offsite and separate event. This will be exclusive training to HIS. It is described as a full training program.

2. Quarterly conference: (Ethan): We had one. The constitution bylaws need to be changed so we can meet via tele conference.

3. Membership: Discussion on developing a membership committee. We need to bring more members in, possibly group membership category. Discussion on having a 50/50 raffle to help members who can't financially make the meeting. Discussion about sending email to members about dues.
4. Discussion to change audit committee to finance committee. Reference about income fiscal year.
5. Organization Officers: No terms are up for this year.
6. State reports:
7. Committees:
 - a. Awards: Walt Blossom nominated for Carl Carlson Award. 2nd passed. Resolution for Special Recognition Plaque award for Bob Mungari.
 - b. Constitution: Motion made to accept requested changes, 2nd passed.
 - c. Audit: Motion made to accept, 2nd passed.
8. 2011 meeting in Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted, Mark C. Taylor, Secretary.