

**Addison County Maple Sugarmakers Assn.  
Middlebury Union High School**

***Annual Meeting Minutes DRAFT***  
**February 13, 2019**

Meeting was called to order after the meal at 7:55pm

**A. Welcome to all**

The annual meeting was opened with a moment of silence for Don Lockhart and the father of Pam Green. A thank you to Laurie Bruce for preparing the meal for us.

**B. 2018 annual meeting minutes**

Mike Christian motioned and Pam Green seconded to accept the summary of the 2018 annual meeting minutes. Motion passes.

**C. Treasurers' Report**

Balances in the checkbook and credit union accounts were reviewed. Maple school is currently about \$800 in the black but the high school facilities bill has yet to come in. There is \$6380 in the Blake Roy account at the Credit Union. We have slightly over \$42,000 in our money market account and \$20,600 in our checkbook.

**D. VMSMA Report – Pam Green & Dave Folino**

Pam Green reported on the goings-on on the State level – items of consideration include  
~ processed water quality rules going forward. The EPA is not involved yet now's the time to work with the Agency of Natural Resources to come up with plans that will work for everyone. The water of concern is not just r/o processed water but the water that is used and disposed of to clean pans and equipment. If you would like to know more about the process please contact Dave Folino.

~ labeling in accordance with federal law – stronger together as an entity (VMSMA) to make larger impact.

~ VMSMA is offering free memberships for a year to try out being a member. VMSMA need the support of all types of sugarmakers – large and small and of all ages to continue to be successful in their mission.

~ VMSMA has secured a grant to set-up a certification program to cover items in FISM and 3<sup>rd</sup> party certification.

~ With the support of NOFA there is a grant to get maple in every school in Vt. Like the farm to table initiative. The idea is to pair a school with a producer so there can be local syrup used at schools and schools can incorporate the sugar woods in their learning programs.

~ the Association is working on a rewrite of the by-laws

~ Where will the money for marketing come from? Need to put money into marketing to keep out place in the market.

~ We need to be proactive facing the regulations that will keep coming

**E. Field Days Review – Andrew Rainville**

Andrew review the financials from Field Days as well as the new equipment that was purchases out of last years income. The net income was \$13,000. Andrew would like to do some upgrades to the roof and siding of the sugarhouse and purchase a slushy machine. Andrew would also like to work on the presentation of our artifacts. Andrew thanked Doug Dwy for providing a printer so labels could be made on site.

**F. Big E Report – Mike Christian**

Mike reported that the Big E took in about \$180,000 in 2018 with \$50,000 going to the Association. If anyone would like to volunteer please let Mike know. Mike also read a letter drafted by Chittenden County requesting the Agency of Agriculture work with diligence to find a replacement for Henry Marckres as there is currently no support for maple quality enforcement at the Agency. Bill Scott made the motion that ACSMA support the letter and “co-sign” it, Dave Folino seconded. Motion passed.

**G. Presentation**

A presentation of a plaque was made to BettyAnn Lockhart.

**H. Election of Officers and Directors – Andy Hutchison**

Andy presented the slate officers – Moe – President, Andy – V.P, Barb – Secretary/ Treasurer Directors Don Dolliver, Steve Willsey with a new alternate director of Trent Roleau. No other nominations from the floor. Brad Clark motioned to elect the slate, Bill Scott seconded. Discussion. Motion passed. Since the State Association is undergoing it’s own by-law revision we kept the State Delegates the same.

**I. By-law Review and Changes – Don Dolliver**

Discussion changing the by-laws to allow compensation for the president and secretary and/or treasurer. It was recommended by the membership to continue to explore the possibility of compensation. The impact of taxes will also investigated. The directors will discuss and keep the membership apprised of the progress.

**J. Old Business - none**

**K. New Business**

The mobile sugarhouse that was previously owned by the Association was up for bid/sale with bids closing on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January. The director’s discussed putting in a bid at their director’s meeting in January. ACSMA was the high bidder of \$6,000. The mobile sugarhouse will be repaired (tires) and registered after sugaring and membership will be notified about how to go about using it.

Ducks Unlimited donation requested by Bruce Martell. Mike motioned to donate 1 gal. of syrup, seconded by Moe. Passed

Door prizes were drawn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm