Addison County Sugarmakers

Special Meeting

August 26, 2023

Sugarhouse at Field Days

Meeting called to order at 1:05pm

Members present: Moe Rheaume, Kenn Hastings, Mike Christian, Andrew Rainville, Sean Peet, Ed Peet, Renita Welch, Barbara Rainville, Andrew Rainville, Pat Rainville

Purpose of the Special Meeting – review and adopt revised by-laws as discussed at February’s Annual Meeting.

Moe handed out the revised by-laws, highlighting the pertinet sections that were revised. Part 6 – timing of the annual meeting – as presented – would change the meeting from the second week in February to June or July. Part 9 – shorten the notification time of meetings from 30 days to 10 days. The other adjustment is separate the job of Treasurer and Secretary into two positions.

Moe asked the group if there were any thoughts to the time of year. Ed Peet thought that maybe meeting in January would be better as there is not a lot going on then. Sean Peet suggested maybe have the meeting during entry drop off the Saturday or Sunday before Field Days. After discussion around the pros and cons of the ideas it was suggested that maybe extending the timeframe into May and have a grading seminar as part of the meeting.

Mike Christian moved and Kenn Hastings seconded to add the month of May. The Annual meeting will be held in the months of May – June or July. Motion passed.

Ed Peet moved to accept the proposed by-laws as amended. Seconded by Mike Christian. Andrew brought up the question of quorum. The governing by-laws require 15% of active membership but the by-laws aren’t clear if it applies to Special Meeting in additional to the Annual Meeting. We discussed what the number would be 15%. Barb did not bring the list of paid members so the number is unknow. After discussion. Barb proposed a friendly amendment to Ed’s motions. The new motion would read “to accept the bi-laws with the amendment contingent upon a confirmation of quorum” Motion was passed 10 – 0 with a previous yes vote from Steve Willsey who was not in attendance.

Barb will confirm the numbers and e-mail everyone.

Ed Peet moved and Mike moved to adjourn 1:53. Motion passes.

Update: Active Members as of August 26, 2023 - 39

15% of 39 = 5.85 – 6 members

Active Member/Operation in attendance = 10

We have met the contingency requirement and the new by-laws have been adopted.