

Southern Adirondack Beekeepers Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, December 19, 2016
Cornell Cooperative Extension
50 West High St, Ballston Spa, N.Y.

Present: Chris Cripps, Walt Wojtowicz, Trisha Driscoll, Dan Kerwood, Farial English, Ian Munger, Bruce Raver, Gregory Stoddard, Anthony Antonucci

Not present: Christopher O'Connor, Leo Siemion, Alicia Purzycki, Stephen Wilson, Tom Wells, Jennifer Ford, Bruce Blender, Kirt Conradt

Guests: David Wood

Call to order:

- Chris Cripps called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Reports:

- Minutes (Trisha Driscoll). Minutes of the October 17 meeting were distributed and reviewed. A clarification was made that the Feb meetings will both be on Feb 21 (board and general) and the Dec 19 meetings will also be both board and general.

Business Items:

- Seminar Coordinator (Chris Cripps): Al Avitabile has volunteered to be the new seminar coordinator. The seminar will be held on March 4 at the Tech Center in Malta. One speaker has already been scheduled and he plans to finalize two more speakers.
- Librarian Opening (Chris Cripps): Nancy Wicker will be stepping down as the Librarian as soon as a new librarian can be found. There was a discussion on how to make the Librarians' job easier. Cooperative Extension does not have the space to store SABA's books.
- Mentor Coordinator Opening (Chris Cripps): Brian Van Wormer is stepping down as the Mentor Coordinator. Anthony Antonucci may be able to fill in until a replacement is found.
- Youth Awards (Chris Cripps): There was a complaint about the youth awards from an applicant's mother, she felt her son was not treated fairly. It was noted that the committee is very diligent and the chairperson makes a point of treating all applicants equally. Also, it is not uncommon for applicants to apply several times. The chairperson of the youth awards will call the person that complained to speak with her.
- Upcoming Meetings (Gregory Stoddard): Kirk Webster will speak to SABA on Feb 21. March 20 Aaron Morris will speak on swarming, April 17 Nancy Wicker will speak, May 15 Farial English will speak on flowering trees and plants, and in June Dave Wood will speak on preparing honey for county fairs. It was suggested that folks from common counties could sit together at meetings and devote time for folks to meet others from their county.

- Samantha Alger (Chris Cripps): Samantha is a PhD student at UVM and she is asking for a donation to attend the American Beekeepers meeting in Texas. If we give her a donation she'll speak at a SABA meeting. Chris will find out if she's available for the January meeting, otherwise we'll have a swap meet at the January meeting.
- Deposit on extracting equipment (Gregory Stoddard): Should there be a deposit on borrowing extracting equipment, given the recent repairs that have been made? After some discussion it was decided not to ask for a deposit. Most folks are very careful with the equipment and we have to expect some wear and tear, particularly given the constant use.
- Lego Groups (Chris Cripps): A local Lego Group is developing a solution for the "plight of the bees" and has asked if it can present its findings. It was suggested that we could invite them to present in January.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Driscoll