

# Southern Adirondack Beekeepers Board Meeting – February 22, 2017

Board Members Present: Chris Cripps (P), Kirt Coonradt (T), Bruce Raver, Farial English, Anthony Antonucci (1-VP), Walt Wojtowicz, Vicki Wills (S)

Board members not present - Gregory Stoddard (2-VP), , Jennifer Ford, Stephen Wilson, Dan Kerwood, Bruce Blender, Bill Daniel, Chris O'Connor, Leo Siemion Jr., Alicia Purzycki, Tom Wells

Guests: Aaron Morris, Nancy Wicker

- Chris opened the meeting at 6:15 asking for input on the time of meeting & frequency. There were no negative comments.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Nationwide network for swarm announcement: no further comment as of yet.
- Librarian Nancy Wicker presented her reasons for retiring, as soon as a replacement can be found. Books are not currently part of the Upper Hudson Library System which would serve the majority of SABA members, and the SABA collection would also be available for any patrons in the library system to borrow. There is a grant deadline in May that would cover \$1000 toward this work. This is an annual grant. Nancy estimates that it would be \$5 per book for cataloguing. She has a great relationship with her small local library that makes using UH library system possible. The possibility of displaying at every other meeting was brought up: Nancy felt this would be confusing for members. Circulation is 20-40 items per month. Some historic books are out: Nancy considering personal contact with these folks to get them back. She has not spent the budgeted \$400 of last year. No permanent place for books. (Chris O'Connor had stored SABA things including books but he requested they be moved out.)
- Financial report distributed by Kirt Coonradt. Has current lists on google docs for all to see: membership, new members, seminar attendance, lunch choices, and volunteers. Tax exempt number – no progress this month.
- Seminar - Al Avitabile coordinating. Speaker (D. Hill) will be via remote video feed and Al has requested a tech person on site all day (~ \$400-\$500). 2 sessions this way.
- Mentor program. Anthony Antonucci report. He plans to ask county coordinators to help with finding mentors or serving as mentors themselves.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Master Beekeeper class through Dyce Laboratory at Cornell University: 4 sessions. Cost is \$899. SABA members can get a discount of \$300, and should contact Chris Cripps as soon as possible to obtain the discount registration code.

Meeting ended 6:52

Next meeting start at 6:15 on March 21.

Vicki Wills, Secretary

Kirt Webster spoke to general SABA meeting on his no-treatment methods using splits with Russian bees. 60 sign-ed in.