

# Southern Adirondack Beekeepers Board Meeting – March 20, 2017

Board Members Present: Chris Cripps (P), Gregory Stoddard (2-VP), Anthony Antonucci (1-VP), Walt Wojtowicz, Vicki Wills (S), Jennifer Ford  
Guests: Nancy Wicker

Board members not present - Jennifer Ford, Stephen Wilson, Dan Kerwood, Bruce Blender, Bill Daniel, Chris O'Connor, Leo Siemion Jr., Alicia Purzycki, Tom Wells, Kirt Coonradt (T), Bruce Raver, Farial English

Chris opened the meeting at 6:15. Minutes accepted with correction of date for next.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Seminar – Brief general discussion: video powerpoint feed had issues. Agreement that a ‘critique - what went right and where could we do better’ should be held. Mary Jo Crance has volunteered to coordinate for next year.
- Board meeting time/frequency discussion. Gregory stated that this has been a terrible meeting time as he has had to meet/greet with out-of-town presenters. If we don’t end by 6:45 it also presents problems for secretary & treasurer. Next 4 are local SABA members therefore not this problem.
  - Options include: starting earlier; dividing up Gregory’s job; going back to monthly membership meetings; use call-in meeting; meeting afterwards.
  - Discussion tabled for 3 months
- Speakers upcoming – (Any practicums possible?)
  - March – Aaron Morris
  - April – Anne Frey ‘Oops’
  - May – Farial English – “Nectar, flowers/ blooming”
  - June - David Wood
  - July - Vincent Aloyo, PhD studied at Cornell under Dr. Roger Morse, & Dr. Marla Spivak.
  - August –Roger Savoy, Home Brew Emporium will speak about mead making and will have a tasting. – Mead making
  - Sept. – SWAP
  - Oct. - Annual Dinner - possibility of announcements of Youth Awards – past winners speak. Must speak with Marsha Williams, Youth Award Chair.
- Librarian Nancy Wicker presented option to divide Librarian job into 2 parts– 1 person to take books to meeting and then she would stay on as the Librarian.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Suggested to increase payment to Presenters at our monthly meetings. Chris do some research. Presently - \$150 + mileage + overnight accommodations.
- SABA to make donation to research. No discussion
- Brochure – 3 fold color. Susan Roberts requesting reprinting: Anne Frey tracked it down. Chris look over

Meeting ended 7:00 Next meeting start at 6:15 on April 17. Vicki Wills, Secretary

## Chris ran discussion at general meeting prior to speaker.

- 1) Does the membership want/like monthly SABA meetings? – Passed by large hand vote in favor.
- 2) Asked for 2<sup>nd</sup> librarian – Charlie Kavanaugh stepped-up.
- 3) Mentor – 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant – Loren Jenks volunteered.
- 4) Mary Jo Crance – asking for help with speakers for 2018 Seminar - March 10, 2018.
- 5) Aaron Morris spoke to general SABA meeting ‘Swarming’. 81 folks in room.