

Southern Adirondack Beekeepers Board Meeting – May 15, 2017

Board Members Present: Chris Cripps (P), Bruce Raver, Anthony Antonucci (1-VP), Vicki Wills (S), Farial English, Kirt Coonradt (T), Gregory Stoddard (2-VP)

Guests: David Wood, Loren Jenks

Board members not present - Stephen Wilson, Walt Wojtowicz, Dan Kerwood, Chris O'Connor, Leo Siemion Jr., Alicia Purzycki, Tom Wells, Jennifer Ford, Bill Daniel, Bruce Blender

Chris opened the meeting at 6:20. Minutes accepted with name tag volunteers Susie & Jack Thomas added

OLD BUSINESS

- Anthony Gaetano presented on an offer from 'Flow Hive'. A free Flow-Hive will be given to SABA if we join their network, a second hive would be available at a 40% discount and members could access a 15% off special 72 hour discount. [\$620.58 + shipping from Australia.] Motion passed with consensus to go ahead and set up an interested sub-group of SABA with Anthony heading up this initiative. Tony A will aid in establishing procedures & be part of a phone conversation with Flow Hive. There are several questions (publicity, discount). Hive will be placed at Anthony's bee yard: will have an open hive day. Will pass around general meeting, an interested in 'Flow Hive' sign-up sheet.
- Mentoring Program - Loren Jenks is coordinator (Tony is aiding him in this new role). Having some difficulty with getting enough mentors: need 7 more. Will ask tonight as the general meeting.
- Treasurer's Report – Kirt Coonradt.
 - Membership -- 'not current' list for meeting tonight, which will be sent out later.
 - Seminar net \$2400. \$1366 from the raffle alone. Motion passed to sign contract and keep date in spring as March 10. Snow date 3/11. This is one week later and therefore will not interfere with other conference.
- Brochure – 3 fold color. David Wood has some of these. Although they need some updating, decision was made to use them this year. Chris has entered doc into computer. David and Chris will update and print when necessary. David will send some to Susan Roberts for Nassau Agway.
- Seminar - Invite Mary Jo Crance to next month's meeting to offer aid in planning of next year's Seminar & Speaker suggestions. Also a critique of past year.

NEW BUSINESS - none

Tabled

- Board Officers election and change over discussion. – The beginning of the year presents many difficulties; learning curve (especially as treasurer), Beekeeping classes, Seminar & membership renewals, come all too fast. Seems if we follow the guidelines set out – Sept slate announced, October elections and Dec. Joint meeting. Motion to change the election to occur earlier in fall. Seconded and TABLED April 17.
- SABA to make donation to research. Not discussed.

Meeting ended 6:55 Next meeting start at 6:15 on June 19, Monday. Vicki Wills, Secretary

General meeting prior to speaker. Chris asked for

- 1) Mentors
- 2) Flow Hive interested to use sign-up being passed around.
- 3) Farial English "Nectar - flowers" - general SABA meeting . 44 sign-in.