

# Southern Adirondack Beekeepers Board Meeting – December 19, 2017

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

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

Friends: Bob Sheedy

## OLD BUSINESS –

- Continuing in-depth discussion of how job changes to Treasurer and Assistant position might occur; duties of the membership position and possible interested folks. How the role of the procuring speakers, practical knowledge sessions and scheduling might develop.

## NEW BUSINESS –

- Minutes accepted
- Treasurer's Report – Kirt Coonradt submitted
- Seminar Registration for March 10<sup>th</sup> Mary Jo Crance, coordinator
  - Bruce asked for a decision on the cost of admission as he has received conflicting documents for mailing and web. After discussion a motion was made and accepted by consensus.
    - Before 2/18 - SABA members \$30 and non-members \$40.
    - After 2/18 - members \$35 and non-members \$45. Same for walk-ins.
    - Cancellation by 2/18 full refund; after 2/18 non-refundable
- Board meeting schedule. Chris inviting discussion: is this working?
  - Some are happy and some request to increase the variety of general meeting topics. Suggestions: 1) to have hands on like extracting and regular Speaker meetings bi-monthly; 2) have some longer Board meetings a few times a year, 3) have 10-11 General meeting per year; 3) leave it as is with ½ hour Board meetings.
  - Motion made & passed. **Go to a 10 month SABA General meeting schedule. Eliminate meetings in August and December. Longer (2hours) SABA Board meetings will be held 2 times a year. Start 6:30. (In 2018 they will be on February 5<sup>th</sup> and September 10.) Will continue the 6:15-6:45pm meetings before the General Meetings for more routine discussion.**
- T-shirts. Vicki requested order more: (she has the shirts). Although we got more last year, all the larger sizes are again gone. Tony has suggested maybe new colors and long-sleeves. He will work with Vicki.
- Chris put in a word of caution on financial transactions and Kirt assured him that he was monitoring our information. Chris is a victim of the Equifax breach. Bruce also assured that he has added a security product to SABA's Go Daddy account.

Next meeting at 6:15 on January 22, Monday – Flow Hive.

Vicki Wills, Secretary

General Meeting (29) – “Ask a Beekeeper”.

Those who attended found this very helpful and suggestion was made to consider using this format more.