

Southern Adirondack Beekeepers Board Meeting – January 22, 2018

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

Board Not Present: Walt Wojtowicz, Bruce Blender, Stephen Wilson, Bill Daniel, Dan Kerwood, Chris O'Connor, Leo Siemion Jr., Alicia Purzycki, Tom Wells

Friends: Aaron Morris

BUSINESS –

- Minutes accepted
- Treasurer's Report – Kirt Coonradt has purchased an external HD for the club files and to be passed on to each Treasurer. Quick Books has also been purchased which will be used to give monthly reconciled with bank reports. Kirt is looking to develop a budget based on 2017 expenses.
 - Seminar - 48 paid currently
 - Discussion on the member volunteer reduction, as posted on the on-line doc. Registration, housing speakers, should be free. Chris will speak to MJ Crance about some other suggestions.
 - Classes – 37 presently (40 max). Problems with non-members paying a member price. Solution – Next year the cost will include a year's dues to SABA.
 - NY Bee Wellness sent a Thank You and acknowledgment for the \$150 donation in Brian VanWormer's honor.
- Webmaster report - Bruce Raver. Our current web hosting contract with Go Daddy will expire on 1/28/18. Bruce suggests we move to an updated and less expensive hosting platform and submitted various renewal options and cost information. **Motion made and passed to purchase a 5 year prepayment at \$2.99/month.** There are 5 email accounts associated with old account that will be lost, but workarounds are possible for most. If SABA needs more, these will have to be purchased separately.
- Gregory Stoddard requested money to pay for last month's panelists. Discussion tabled till 2/5.
- Gregory **made a second motion, seconded and passed to pay \$100 to Ann Frey & Aaron Morris for their participation in panel.** Chris and Tony declined payment for their participation.

Next General SABA meeting on February 12th at 7:00.

Next Board Meeting is one of the 2 longer meeting. February 5th, Monday at 6:30 – 8:30.

Vicki Wills, Secretary

General Meeting (52 attendance) – “Flow Hive”. Presentation from owner via internet. Arranged by Anthony Gaetano. SABA15 is code good for 3 days for 15% discount.

- Vicki requested input from those present on new t-shirts as requested by some members.
- Chris presented two changes to the bylaws. Both were passed.

Motion one: to accept the dues structure recommended by the board:

The proposed dues structure is:

Individual - 1 yr. - \$15	Family/Couple - 1 yr. - \$20
Individual - 5 yr. - \$60	Family/Couple - 5 yr. - \$80
Individual - Life - \$150	Family/Couple - Life - \$200

A Family or Couple membership would be open to people that live together.

In any business of the club, there would be one vote per membership.

In discussion, the question came up as to how to enforce who gets to vote if the vote is close. It was suggested that the process would be much more complicated because then the treasurer would have to bring up the records of paid memberships and record votes against those records to ensure only those eligible to vote actually voted.

Motion two was to change the bylaws to add the following changes:

One change would be to Section A- Officers. After "Treasurer", add "Membership Chair" as an additional officer.

Another change would be to Section B – Duties. After the paragraph about the duties of the Treasurer, the following is to be added:

"Membership Chair: The Membership Chair shall maintain a list of members, the dues they have paid, and the expiration date of their membership. The Membership Chair will arrange collection of dues and any other duties that may be described by the Executive Board."