

Southern Adirondack Beekeepers Board Meeting - March 5, 2018

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

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

Friends: Mike Copolla, Ann St. Peters

6:45-8:50pm

- Minutes accepted with 2 corrections - date of next meeting & spelling of name.
- Membership definition - **Clarified the voting rights of "Family Membership": has 2 votes associated with the increased price of membership.**
- **Treasurer's Report** - attached
 - Annual report for the year 2017 by major category - accepted. [Kirt noted that while beginning the Treasurer role, some things were not categorized.]
 - Income & Expenses Report Jan. 2018 through Feb 2018 - accepted. Balance Sheet detail attached
 - Using Quick Books now. Easier reporting.
 - End of month Seminar income \$6571.00. Registration closed.
 - Requesting Web have a "Members Only Area" and designation from Pal Pay for "new" and "renewed membership" Currently can't tell difference. Members Only - they will be able to see if they paid dues & some other information. Over 200 members are not current.
- **Budget 2018** presented. Accepted. Review in depth at September Board meeting.
- **Member Benefits pamphlet** - Chris is working on it with a graphics class. Incorporate both pamphlets into one. Currently not sending any out.
- **Membership cards.** Reviewed those printed out.
 - Kirt will increase size of font and print them on business cards. Currently don't have any to send to new members. This will have to wait until after Seminar
 - Possibly different colors for different years: maybe matching the queen colors.
 - Facebook - increased presence
- **Members Only Webpage access** to certain pages.
 - Bruce will research membership based plugins
 - Use member # and an individual password - Coordinate with Kirt.
 - Possible sharing between members of names & contact information.
- **Timing of start of Term for New Board members & Elections** for -- discussion. The problem is that new officers are thrown into the most demanding time of year with Seminar and Beekeeping classes. Goal is to implement an easier transition, not in the middle of business while each learns the job. The discussion is continued from several

meeting. Suggestion to have the next Board have a 2 ½ year term and start their term in the summer. The 2019 term would be for 2 ½ years and after that the next Slate of Board would return to a 2 year term. This would need a change in by-laws. **Motion passes to pursue this and bring to General Membership for a vote in October.**

- **501c3** discussion of pursuing this. Our mission is principally education. Remove the possibility of Board members & Treasurer getting sued. Also possibly quarterly tax filing. Kirt will do some more research with our Insurance carrier. **Motion made & Passed to pursue 501c3.**
- **Memorial Donations.** Will give on a case-by-case donation for members in good standing.
- **Fair - upgrade our presentation -**
 - Tony will work with the Fair coordinators to purchase items necessary for better presentations including adding information on pollinators and how to help bee populations without themselves raising bees, possible new observation hive.
 - David Wood (Saratoga Fair) & Dan Jordon (Washington Fair). Question - do we continue with Washington county Fair if Dan isn't doing it? -
 - Options - not having full-time coverage, having a video loop and having displays.
- **Oxalic Acid** vaporizer. Motion made to purchase was revised to investigate further issues involved for SABA. Present plan: to implement research as follows:
 - Kirt will discuss with our Insurance carrier the liability on owning equipment.
 - Would SABA loan out protective equipment / borrowers to have their own?
 - Jack Roth will include in his SABA presentation in June information on acid.
 - Betterbee June Field Day will include a demonstration by Neal on Oxalic Acid treatment. Open to public
 - Betterbee will consider sponsoring a SABA Only Field Day in August at their site, specific. {How great is this?} and demonstrate. (No General SABA meeting)
- **General SABA Meeting Schedule.**
 - Board meeting only brief for specific purpose. We may have phone conference meetings if needed.
 - "Ask a Beekeeper" 6:30 - 7:00pm
 - 7:00-7:15 Issues for Beekeepers. What should you be doing next month?
 - 7:30 - Speaker.
- **Gregory** speaker schedule - revised schedule after the Seminar.
- Board Meeting September 10th. 6:30- 8:30

Respectfully submitted, Vicki Wills, Secretary

General SABA Meeting March 19th. Dead Outs