

## Southern Adirondack Beekeepers Board Meeting - July 2, 2018

Meeting by phone conference. Thanks to Kirt for arranging this

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

**Friends:** Rick Cobello, David Wood

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

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- **Treasurer's Report** - balance from last month. Except \$1000 paid to Sammy's research and \$350 from shirt sales at BetterBee Field Day. Youth Award restricted ~ \$3,000. General Fund ~ 24,000. Report attached.
- **Membership** - Finalize how to handle delinquent memberships. The plan: 1) Jen will send out a final email giving to July 31; 2) take away Member Benefits August 1. Motion presented by Kirt "As of August 1 delinquent members will be not be able to use member only benefits. These include: Mentor program, Swam call list, borrow equipment, borrow from Library, volunteer at County Fair or win door prizes at SABA general meetings". Passed Unanimously. - There are some gratis members (Pat Bono, Peter Borst) to whom this does not apply & they get benefits.
- **Proposal Motion by Rick Cobello** - "To create an opt-in system for SABA members to be able to share their contact information and be able to see others who opt-in. Information might include e-mail, address, and would be very important for disease alerts." Second by Jenn. Unanimous in favor. Discussion of using a field in google. Question of where webmaster Bruce is in implementing Public vs. Member-Only sides of website. Rick has experience (Alb. Ski Club) and the Board is authorizing him to work with Bruce on getting this done.
- **Resignation of 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. By-Laws call for the President to appoint replacement 'to be approved at the next General Membership meeting.'** 2018 speakers are all arranged: next year will need 5 speakers and workshops on bi-monthly basis. February could be 'Building frames & equipment.
- **Nominating Committee** - David Wood pointed out that it is the duty of **the President to name 5 members to serve on this committee.** Nominating slate due in September for vote in November. December should be a joint meeting of old and new officers. President Chris will write article for 'Beeline' asking for self-nominations. [note this next term will be for 2.5yrs]
- **Canceling of a meeting** - June meeting was cancelled. P & VP discussed, speaker was anxious, and travel advisories had been issued: still 50+ showed up. It was felt that the correct decision had been made. SABA might be liable by asking speaker & members to travel in extreme weather: there were down trees and roads being cleared. Future plan - to put on to the website a green/red light to indicate that the meeting was on/off, 2) send it out on our email, when schools in session it goes onto the 'closings'.

- **Fair Display Improvement** - David Wood presented options (see attached). Originally the Fair was SABA's primary way of generating income. It has become increasingly difficult to man the fair. Saratoga needs hands on at all times due to honey sales and taste station. Income generated through a 10% fee while folks sell their own honey is between \$250-\$400. Proposal is for both Washington county & the Saratoga county Fairs. Hats & club t-shirts, free entrance, & selling your honey are incentives. Total expenses will be approximately \$1,097. Kirt motioned for the Proposal to be adopted and Tony seconded it. **Proposal approved unanimously.**
- Some ideas
  - Farial suggested SABA consider a shirt design competition.
  - Vicki suggests SABA own Observation Hive that can be easily transported (2x2).
  - Lloyd Spear donated an Ob Hive to club last fall. Both David & Ann F. own one: the Fair has been using theirs and swapping them out.
  - Farial looking for a SABA banner. Not available as will be at Fair.
  - David Wood will do an inventory of **SABA things**, which are being stored at the Boy Scouts storage at **Dan Gaidasz place on Midline Road.**
  - Progress on purchasing the child bee suits
- **August Picnic** at **Betterbee** - August 4<sup>th</sup> (rain date Aug. 25). w/ Bennington County BeeKeepers.
- **Extractor replacement.** SAF probably purchases before 2004. Motion made by vicki "That SABA purchase a new Extractor for loaning" Unanimous approval. SABA has 3.
  - **Brochure** - Chris sent out one for review. We should send him suggestions/corrections now. Probably can't get it ready before the Fairs, so use old but cross out mis-information. Sallie Way, the Graphics Arts Teacher at Shenendahowa High School, is a member of SABA and she offered to do a class project to redesign the brochure that SABA was using to give to new members. In case anyone did not see the old one, it was black and white with no pictures. Rachel Sangaline, a senior from Clifton Park made the winning design. She will be attending Binghamton University in the fall. Thank you.
- **501(c)3. Motion made to spend \$275 to apply. Unanimous approval.**
- Motion made & passed to table the following questions till our next meeting.
  - Money - How much should we have? Reserves for 1. Youth Award, 2. Rainy Day Fund
    - What should we spend extra on? How do we decide?
    - Do we want to support researchers?
    - Do we want to support charities?
    - Do we donate on a death of a member?
    - Do we want to buy more books?

Picnic August 4<sup>th</sup> - with Bennington BeeK at BetterBee

**Board next in person meeting will be September 10<sup>th</sup> --- 6:30 - 8:30.**

Next General SABA meeting on September 17 at 6:30.

Vicki Wills, Secretary

# Saratoga County Fair/ Washington County Fair

## Proposed Budget 2018

### Long Term Purchases

\$ 72.00 Mini Hive Kit (Betterbee) – a tabletop display hive set-up

30.00 Set of 5 Beekeeping Posters (MannLake)

12.00 Beekeeper's Year Poster (MannLake) – monthly activities of a beekeeper

15.00 Metal sign: Bee Crossing (MannLake) – 12' square sign, similar to deer crossing

### Short Term Purchases

\$ 70.00 480 “I Found the Queen” Stickers (VistaPrint)

65.00 12 pounds honey candy (Betterbee)

13.00 1,000 coffee stirrers/ craft sticks (Amazon) used for honey sampling

40.00 misc: bottled water, paper, pens, postage stamps, paper, envelopes

### Volunteer Incentives

\$ 780.00 60 “SABA” Baseball Hats (estimated cost of \$13 per hat)

Please note that SABA has a quantity of “club shirts” on hand that could also be offered as an option to volunteers.

\$1,097.00 Total Expenses (not adjusted for \$250 received in commissions, est)

Note – amounts are rounded for clarity

For your Consideration:

This budget will support both the Saratoga and Warren County Fairs this year. **SABA retains 15% sales commission for honey sold at the Saratoga fair. It is estimated that SABA will collect about \$250 in commissions.** Washington fair volunteers may sell their own honey only during their shift; no commission is collected.

Volunteer recruitment for both Saratoga and Washington fairs is always a challenge. Saratoga Fair requires 40 volunteers for maximum coverage; Washington Fair is less demanding in that they do not require continuous booth coverage. I believe that it is appropriate to offer a hat (or shirt) as a thank-you to volunteers and to encourage more volunteering. Wearing the hat identifies one as a beekeeper, frequently starting a bee related conversation. Our booths at both fairs go a long way to educate the public about bees and promote beekeeping. The club certainly has the finances to support our presence at both fairs and to recognize the work our volunteers provide.

- David Wood,  
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