

Southern Adirondack Beekeepers Association  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, December 21, 2015  
Cornell Cooperative Extension  
50 West High St, Ballston Spa, N.Y.

Present: Chris Cripps, Walt Wojtowicz, Trisha Driscoll, Dan Kerwood, Trish Manning, Ian Munger,

Not present: Tony Antonucci, Christopher O'Connor, Leo Siemion, Alicia Purzycki, Stephen Wilson, Tom Wells, Greg Stoddard, Farial English, Bruce Raver, Jen Ford, Bruce Blender

Guests: Anne Frey, Aaron Morris, Mike Coppola

Call to order:

- Chris Cripps called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Reports:

- Minutes (Trisha Driscoll). Minutes of the October 19 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Motion to approve by Ian Munger, second by Trish Manning. Approved.
- Finance Report (Trish Manning). The Treasurers report was distributed.

Business Items:

- Saratoga County Fair discussion item from October 19. A question was asked about the discussion on the size of honey jars for future fair sales. It was explained that no decision was made on the discussion, but it was brought up due to the lower fair proceeds to SABA as compared to previous fairs. Trish reported that her sales of smaller jars went well, in fact she sold out of all of her honey at the fair. It was noted that the purpose of the fair is education, not sales. Much of the income loss is because SABA does not sell candy at the booth anymore. Candy was a big seller, but it was discontinued due to the added work of collecting and recording sales tax. We could revisit selling candy for next year. The process to pay sales tax to the State has been simplified from previous years.
- Newsletter (Anne Frey for Jen Ford). It was asked if someone would volunteer to write an article for the newsletter about Fred Ludwig. Aaron volunteered. It was also noted that the transition to Jen as the new editor has gone very well.
- Donation in the name of Fred Ludwig. It was suggested that the club make a donation in Fred's name. After a discussion it was decided the Board will request the General Membership consider an annual donation for the Saratoga County 4-H Training Center in Fred's name. Trish Manning motioned, Ian second, approved. Trish Manning will call Cooperative Extension about the process for making a donation.
- Raffle tickets and prizes for General Membership meetings. Betterbee donates the gift certificates for the raffle. It was suggested that members are responsible for collecting their tickets on their own prior to the meeting, and there will not be

- time allocated at the meeting to distribute tickets.
- Bee Classes (Anne Frey and Ian Munger). The books for the beginner class will be mailed soon. There has not been any registrations for the intermediate class yet. A question was asked about refunds if someone drops out of the class. There are no refunds, but they can keep their books.
  - Seminar (Anne Frey). All of the speakers are set for the seminar. Anne requested a volunteer to take the lead on soliciting donations for the auction. It was suggested that if a new seminar coordinator is not forthcoming we may want to take a year off from the seminar.
  - Other:  
The Apiary Industry Advisory Committee is recommending a mandatory registration for beekeepers. It was noted that beekeepers will be registered, not the hives. In 2007 a similar proposal was approved by the legislature for registration of hives. Beekeepers protested the 2007 registration and in 2010 it was revoked. It was suggested that the reason for the registration may be to document the need for services, such as research and technical assistance by Cornell. It may be helpful to expand the January newsletter to present the pros and cons of the proposal.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trish Manning, second by Ian Munger. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Driscoll