

Southern Adirondack Beekeepers Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, February 22, 2016
Cornell Cooperative Extension
50 West High St, Ballston Spa, N.Y.

Present: Chris Cripps, Walt Wojtowicz, Trisha Driscoll, Bruce Blender, Trish Manning, Ian Munger, Farial English, Bruce Raver,

Not present: Tony Antonucci, Christopher O'Connor, Leo Siemion, Alicia Purzycki, Stephen Wilson, Tom Wells, Greg Stoddard, Jen Ford, Dan Kerwood

Guests: Brenda Blender, Aaron Morris

Call to order:

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

Reports:

- Finance Report (Trish Manning). The Treasurers report was distributed. Trish reported that the donation in Fred Ludwig's name is arranged, all is left is to mail the check and select a spot for the plaque. Trish will take care of these items.

Business Items:

- New Treasurer. (Chris Cripps). Chris announced that Beth Ann Shane-Holser has volunteered to run for the Treasurer's position due to Trish resigning in June. At the March General meeting we'll need to hold a vote on the position.
- T-Shirts. (Chris Cripps). SABA doesn't have any T-Shirts left in it's inventory. Susan Roberts has agreed to manage the T-Shirt sales. Chris will arrange for Susan to take over those duties. Allegra Printing has the logo.
- Newsletter. (Chris Cripps). The deadline for the next BeeLine is February 29. It was decided that an article about the memorial for Fred Ludewig will be included.
- Saratoga County Fair. It was asked if a decision has been made on the honey jar sizes and candy sales for the Saratoga County Fair. It was decided to table the discussion until Dave Wood returns.
- Bee Classes (Chris Cripps). The first class was held last week. Everything went well.
- Seminar. All of the details are arranged for the seminar. To date there have been about 50 registrations.
- Swarm List (Ian Munger). E-mail notices will go out to folks on the swarm list, rather than phone calls. The e-mail list should be much easier to manage. Anyone on the list from last year will be included, and others that are interested should speak to Ian.
- Landfill Cover (Walt Wojtowicz). Walt has been approached by a citizen in Niskayuna to ask SABA to write a letter to the Town Board explaining the benefits of planting meadows at the landfill and reducing mowing. It was decided that Walt will draft a letter to be submitted on behalf of SABA.
- Clifton Park Swam Project (Aaron Morris). Frank Belham has inquired if anyone

at SABA would be interested in taking over the Clifton Park Swarm Project. After some discussion it was decided that Ian will ask Lloyd to approach Isabelle Prescott about taking over the project.

- Mentors. There has been a great need for mentors, however SABA members are often stretched very thin with other commitments. It was decided that any requests for mentors shall be through the website. Bruce Raver will expand the current mentor request form to ask details about what assistance is needed, timeline, past experience. We may want to restrict mentor assignment to folks that have completed the beginner class. We could also encourage folks to attend the open hives and classes. Amy Carman is maintaining the open hive schedule.
- Library (Chris Cripps for Nancy Wicker). Nancy has requested permission to include (and possibly loan out) some SABA books for a special presentation on beekeeping/honey production and maple syrup production at the Valley Fall Free Library for March and April. Bruce Blender made a motion to approve, Ian Munger second, approved. It was suggested that the Beekeeping brochure should be put in the books.
- Letter for Support for Cornell Research. Stephen Wilson has asked that SABA members send letters to elected officials to support a \$250,000 appropriation for Cornell so it can continue it's efforts in beekeeping research. It was decided to table the request pending more information.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trish Manning, second by Bruce Blender. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Driscoll