

Southern Adirondack Beekeepers Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, April 18, 2016
Cornell Cooperative Extension
50 West High St., Ballston Spa, NY

Present: Chris Cripps, Walt Wojtowicz, Dan Kerwood, Trish Manning, Gregory Stoddard, Farial English, Bruce Raver, Jennifer Ford, Beth Ann Shane-Holser.

Not present: Trisha Driscoll, Ian Munger, Tony Antonucci, Christopher O'Connor, Leo Siemion, Alicia Purzycki, Stephen Wilson, Tom Wells, Bruce Blender.

Guests: Anne Frey, David Wood, Nancy Wicker, Gerald Krogmann

Call to order:

- Chris Cripps called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on April 18, 2016

Reports:

- Minutes (Jen Ford for Trisha Driscoll). Minutes of the February 22 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Anne Frey noted one correction: In bullet two under business items – T-shirts – Sawyer Printing has the logo, not Allegra. Motion to approve with corrections by Chris Cripps, second by Jennifer Ford. Approved by all.
- Finance Report (Trish Manning). The Treasurers report was distributed and accepted. Followed by update/discussion on tax information /designation. Money designated for library expenditures has not been spent as of yet. Nancy Wicker reports that it will be soon.

Business Items:

- Seminar Report (Anne Frey) – 179 people attended the April 9th SABA Seminar. Feedback has been very positive. A financial report from the seminar was also submitted.
- Bee Classes (Anne Frey) – Classes are going very well, with much positive feedback. The last night class is Thursday, April 22nd. The last class is April 30th, to be held at one of Aaron Morris's bee yards.
- New Treasurer (Chris Cripps) – Beth Ann Shane-Holser will begin as treasurer in June. Thank you to Trish Manning for her service as treasurer.
- Library Report (Nancy Wicker) – Program of lending books for public circulation is going well, with a high circulation rate of SABA beekeeping books. Recent children's bee program at Valley Falls library went well, with 33 children attending. An adult bee program also went well, and more libraries are requesting similar programs. Thank you to Anne Frey for providing an observation hive. Nancy Wicker noted that some SABA library books are still not being returned – many of the members who checked them out

are non-members at this point. Nancy has been looking into the possibility of joining a greater library lending system. This would allow more access points for both SABA members and the general public. Nancy will continue to explore this idea, including costs (i.e., barcoding and annual dues). Bruce Raver also requested a list of the current books in the SABA library for the SABA website.

- Saratoga County Fair (David Wood)
 - The fair will run from July 19-24th. An announcement about SABA participating in the fair will go in the next Beeline.
 - Request for \$ 150.00 for items related to the fair. Motion passed.
 - Brochure “Beekeeping – Is it for you?” discussion. Do any changes need to be made? How can make them available to members?
 - Honey and wax judging to be added back this year. Discussion on how to encourage members to participate. Ideas include bringing jars appropriate for judging to the next meeting, and having SABA match the prizes awarded. Motion to approve by Chris Cripps, second by Dan Kerwood. Motion passed.
- 4-H Animals and Live Fair Day (David Wood). Looking for presenters to talk about honeybees and beekeeping with 1st-3rd graders on May 17th.
- Clifton Park Project (David Wood) – Lloyd Spear donated 20 boxes for the project. Information about the project will appear in the next Beeline.
- Nancy Wicker suggested that a table be reserved at SABA general membership meetings for members to share innovative ideas/problem solving in beekeeping.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Cripps, second by Dan Kerwood. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Ford