

Southern Adirondack Beekeepers Association  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, June 20, 2016  
Cornell Cooperative Extension  
50 West High St, Ballston Spa, N.Y.

Present: Chris Cripps, Trisha Driscoll, Beth Ann Shane-Holser, Ian Munger, Farial English, Gregory Stoddard

Not present: Tony Antonucci, Christopher O'Connor, Leo Siemion, Alicia Purzycki, Stephen Wilson, Tom Wells, Jen Ford, Dan Kerwood, Walt Wojtowicz, Bruce Blender, Bruce Raver

Guests: Aaron Morris, Jeanette MacQueen, David Fizer, George Howe, George M. Alherd, Jack Thomas, Dave Wood

Call to order:

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

Reports:

- Minutes (Trisha Driscoll) The minutes were distributed. Ian Munger motioned for approval, Farial English second, approved by vote.
- Finance Report (Beth Ann Shane-Holser). The Treasurers report was distributed. Gregory Stoddard motioned to approve the report as presented, Ian Munger second, approved by vote.

Business Items:

- Saratoga County Fair (Dave Wood) Additional volunteers are needed for the fair, currently about 30% of the time slots are available. The SABA booth will feature an observation hive, honey will be for sale, and candy will be given away. The honey sizes will be 2 lb, 1 lb, and 1/2 lb. Volunteers for the SABA booth will have an opportunity to participate in a drawing for gift certificates.
- Cut-out Demonstration (Dave Wood) There will be a cut out demonstration in the historic Grooms Tavern (a Town of Clifton Park building) on Saturday, June 25. Dave Wood and Jerry Monast will demonstrate the cut-out. The demonstration will be open to the public as an educational demonstration.
- SABA General Meeting Format (Gregory Stoddard) It was suggested that any business for the General Membership could be conducted by the Board on behalf of the General Membership at the bi-monthly board meetings. Any items that need to be voted on by the General Membership would be brought to the following general meeting. With this new format the general membership meetings will provide a verbal finance report, SABA announcements, vote(s) on board proposals and/or actions (when needed), the featured speaker, and questions for the speaker. The proposed format would provide more time for the speaker.
- There were two motions for this suggestion. Ian Munger moved that Board minutes will be distributed at the general membership meetings and also be put

on the website. Gregory Stoddard second. Approved by vote. Gregory Stoddard moved that the new format will be used at the July 18 general membership meeting, Beth Ann Shane-Holser second. Approved by vote.

- Website Assistance. It was suggested that we recruit a volunteer that is knowledgeable about the login process for the website, in the event that Bruce is not available. Chris will talk to Bruce about this.
- Swarm List (Ian Munger). Due to the increased number of folks on the swarm list and the increase in the number of swarm calls, Ian will be developing a proposal for a new swarm policy. It is expected to include guidelines for the number of swarms a list member can respond to within a certain number of hrs after the swarm is announced (for example, a member may recover X number of swarms within X hrs of it being announced). After the time frame has passed any swarm list member may respond without regard to the number of swarms he/she has already recovered. Ian will send the proposed policy to swarm list members for comments.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Driscoll