

Southern Adirondack Beekeepers Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, August 15, 2016
Cornell Cooperative Extension
50 West High St, Ballston Spa, N.Y.

Present: Chris Cripps, Trisha Driscoll, Beth Ann Shane-Holser, Gregory Stoddard, Jen Ford, Dan Kerwood, Walt Wojtowicz, Bruce Blender, Bruce Raver

Not present: Tony Antonucci, Christopher O'Connor, Leo Siemion, Alicia Purzycki, Stephen Wilson, Tom Wells, Ian Munger, Farial English

Guests: Dave Wood, Brenda Blender

Call to order:

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

Reports:

- Minutes (Trisha Driscoll) The minutes were distributed. Greg asked for a clarification on the need for minutes at general meetings. It was decided that minutes should be recorded however they will most likely be briefer than in the past. A formal treasurer's report will be made, announcements will be made from a list compiled beforehand by the secretary (we'll also ask for last minute announcements) any votes will be recorded, as well as the speaker's name and topic. Dan Kerwood motioned for approval, Walt Wojtowicz second, approved.
- Finance Report (Beth Ann Shane-Holser). The Treasurers report was distributed. Bruce Blender motioned to approve the report as presented, Jen Ford second, approved.

Business Items:

- SABA grant request: Greg has submitted an application for a partial reimbursement of his EAS fees through the SABA grant program for educational opportunities. Greg attended EAS in order to meet potential speakers for future SABA meetings. These speakers include Samuel Ramsey, Wally Baum, Kirk Webster, and Erin McGregor Forbes. Dan Kerwood motioned and Walt Wojtowicz second a motion for a \$500 reimbursement for Greg. Bruce Raver asked for a clarification on the SABA benefit. Greg responded that he now has several potential speakers for SABA meetings. The speakers are well qualified and offer new information for members. The motion was put to vote and was approved.
- 2017-2018 Board Slate (Chris Cripps) The board is responsible for presenting a slate of officers for 2017-2018. The vote for new officers will occur at the November 2016 general meeting. Jennifer was asked to send a notice to members that nominations are being accepted for all positions. The notice will also be placed in the Beeline.
- Future Meetings (Jen Ford and Greg Stoddard). Jen asked for details about the

Sept potluck meeting. Doors will open at 6 PM, dinner will be served at 6:30 PM and the speaker will begin at 7:15 PM. Katheryn Keifer will speak about influencing public policy on bees. The November meeting will be devoted to the youth awards. An additional possible topic in November is to discuss the mentoring program and expectations of mentors and mentees.

- The Mentor Program (Chris Cripps) Dan Kerwood has resigned as chairperson of the mentor program. It was suggested that it would be helpful for county coordinators to have list of members in their respective counties, to be used when seeking mentors. Some clubs have requirements for mentees such as they must complete the beginner beekeeping class, or they must assist the mentor with the mentor's bees for a certain number of hours per season. Another requirement could be that folks that receive the benefit of being a mentee shall become a mentor.
- Clifton Park Swarm Removal (Dave Wood) The Clifton Park Town Hall swarm removal was a successful two-day event . It resulted not only in removing the swarm but some very good publicity for SABA.
- Saratoga County Fair (Dave Wood) Nine jars of honey and one entry for comb honey were judged. It was noted for future entries, members should review the judging guidelines that are posted on the Saratoga County Fair website. For future booths Dave suggested that the club purchase an observation hive for exclusive use at the fair. This is the most popular aspect of the booth but it places considerable stress on the bees. All of the work slots were filled by volunteers and five members sold their honey. Four volunteers won the gift certificates that were donated by Betterbee as a thank you for volunteering.

A motion was made by Greg Stoddard to adjourn, second by Bruce Blender.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Driscoll