

Southern Adirondack Beekeepers Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, October 17, 2016
Cornell Cooperative Extension
50 West High St, Ballston Spa, N.Y.

Present: Chris Cripps, Trisha Driscoll, Beth Ann Shane-Holser, Jennifer Ford, Walt Wojtowicz, Bruce Raver, Ian Munger, Farial English

Not present: Tony Antonucci, Christopher O'Connor, Leo Siemion, Alicia Purzycki, Stephen Wilson, Tom Wells, Gregory Stoddard, Dan Kerwood, Bruce Blender

Guests: Kirt Coonrodt, Wayne Simmons

Call to order:

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

Reports:

- Minutes (Trisha Driscoll) The minutes were distributed and reviewed. Walt Wojtowicz, motioned for approval, Jennifer Ford second, approved.
- Finance Report (Beth Ann Shane-Holser). The Treasurers report was distributed and reviewed.

Business Items:

- Upcoming Meeting Schedule (Chris Cripps)
Chris proposed the following upcoming meeting schedule:
2016 (remaining) Nov 21 (general)
 Dec 19 (board)
2017 Jan 23 (board and general)
 Feb 13 (board)
 Feb 21 (general)
 March 20 (board and general)
 April 17 (board and general)
 May 15 (board and general)
 June 19 (board and general)
 July 17 (board and general)
 August 21 (board and general)
 Sept 18 (board and general)
 Oct 17 (Tuesday) (board and general)
 Nov 20 (board and general)
 Dec 19 (Tuesday) (board and general)

It was suggested that on the days in which both the board and general meetings are scheduled the board will meet prior to the general meeting. Up to six meetings could be informal or local speakers, "how to" workshops, etc. January might be a good time for a swap meet. (up to the discretion of 2nd V.P.). Other ideas were to have a pot luck picnic in the summer and keep the December meeting as a Board meeting only. The Beeline will stay 6 issues/yr. It is recommended that this will be tried for one year and compare attendance to determine if it will be continued after that.

- 2017-2018 Board Slate (Chris Cripps)
 - President: Chris Cripps
 - First Vice President: Tony Antonuci
 - Second Vice President: Gregory Stoddard
 - Treasurer: Kirt Coonradt

- Secretary: ?
- Promotions Officer: Farial English
- Webmaster: Bruce Raver
Albany CC: Stephen Wilson
- Montgomery CC: Bruce Blender
- Fulton: CC: Dan Kerwood
- Rensselaer CC: ?
- Saratoga CC: Chris O'Connor
- Warren CC: Alicia Purzycki
- Washington CC: Tom Wells

Appointed positions: Saratoga County Fair Coordinator - Dave Wood; Washington County Fair Coordinator - Dan Jordan; Seminar Coordinator ?; Mentor Coordinator - Brian Van Wormer; Young Beekeeper Award Coordinator - Marsha Williams; Keeper of Equipment - Dan Gaidasz; Keeper of Nametags - Mary Jane Hughes; Librarian - Nancy Wicker

Board update: At the November meeting the Board should propose an update to the By-laws to include both mail or electronic communication for meeting notices. Motion to approve Chris Cripps: second Ian Munger, approved.

- Club Extractors (all): There is great demand for the extractors. Ian Munger made a motion to spend \$200 to repair the extractor that Farial manages. Trisha Driscoll second, approved. Beth Ann Shane-Holser motioned to spend up to \$500 to purchase a third extractor package, Ian Munger second, approved.
- Beekeeping Classes (Ian Munger) :A beginner and intermediate class will be offered again this year, if there isn't enough interest in an intermediate class a second beginner class will be considered. The beginner class will have it's first meeting in January, but the bulk of the classes will be held in Feb. The intermediate classes will be held in March.
- Beeline Newsletter (Jennifer Ford): There has been an issue with Mail Chimp, which has resulted in some members not receiving their issues of the Beeline. Bruce will supply Jennifer with a new e-mail address to fix the issue.
- Web Issues (Bruce Raver): Bruce will be looking for a new version of software to rebuild the forms on the website. There has been a request to use Facebook to post pictures that are taken by members. A SABA member will need to maintain the Facebook account. Ian Munger motioned to authorize Belle Neznok to set up the Facebook page and management guidelines, Bruce Raver second, approved.
- Appreciation Gift (Ian Munger): Ian suggested the club arrange a gift for Dan Kerwood to thank him for his many years running the mentoring program. Chris Cripps made the motion, Beth Ann Shane-Holser second, approved. Ian will look into purchasing a hive tool with an engraved message.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Driscoll