2011 MBA Fall Meeting – Kellogg Center, E. Lansing, MI

December 3, 2011

43 members in the gallery, including board members. Executive board members present: Roger Hoopingarner, Ann Leonard, Don Schram and S. Tilmann. Board members present included: Mike Risk, Richard Mendel, Clay Ottoni, Terry Toland, Ken Hoekstra, David Anthony, Zachary Huang, Barb Applebee, Torrey Wenger, Mike French, Cindy Dudock, Bob Hollis, Bill Sirr.

Meeting called to order at 3:32pm

Motion made to accept the agenda, passed.

Secretary’s Report (D. Schram): Motions and actions from the 2010 Fall Meeting were read. Motion made to accept the minutes of the past meeting, made by Oren Best, and seconded by Bill Sirr. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report (S. Tilmann): $32,695 cash on hand, which is an increase of $5481 from last year. (Further details are provided and shown on the MBA website.) Questions regarding the increase of net income were made by the gallery and fielded by S. Tilmann. A budget was submitted by S. Tilmann for review, per job duties of the treasurer. General announcements were made, including memberships expiring December 31st, with renewals available online at the MBA website. Questions were taken and received, mostly regarding the absence of the newsletter.

Motion made to accept the treasurer’s report, made by M. Risk and seconded by Bill Sirr. Motion passed.

Auditors Report (Mike French): Mark O’Neill assisted with auditing duties. They found the books to be in order. Motion made to accept the treasurer’s report made and passed.

Legislative Committee: R. Hoopingarner feels that we need to form a legislative committee to deal with issues, such as honey House Regulations (such as triple sink requirements) and Farm license issues (Farm license plates). In addition, Hoopingarner feels that we need to form an Education committee, and told of the “Welcome to the Honey Farm” coloring books which are available for the use of MBA membership.
**Old Business:** Districting in Michigan was discussed. What was decided was that the board would be divided up into districts, due to geographical (distance) issues. The board decided that we would continue having 7 districts, which was reflected in the current ballot.

**Election Results (read by Election Committee Chair - Mike Risk)**

President – Terry Toland  
Vice – President – Ann Leonard  
Secretary – Don Schram  
District 1 - Ken Hoekstra  
District 3 – Dennis Holly  
District 5 – Larry Hilbert  
District 7 – Ed Wright, John Hugo and Melissa Hronkin

**Motion made to destroy the ballots,** made by Bill Sirr and seconded by S. Tilmann. Motion passed.

**New Business**

**Website:** Website details were given by S. Tilmann. New features coming on board are an interactive Swarm Page and Bee Removal page, along with a Honey Locator page. Questions were asked and fielded. Website traffic details were provided, along with the audience of the website, return visitors, and other minutiae were given. Website assistant, Robert Johnson, was hired and introduced to the group. Questions were fielded by Tilmann, including MBA’s presence on social media.

**Spring Meeting:** The spring MBA meeting will take place at ANR Week, held at the Kellogg Center on March 9 and 10, 2012. Keynote speaker will be Dr. James Tew. (Dewey Caron has a schedule conflict.) Pre-registration will be held 60 days in advance of the event.

**Summer Picnic:** The MBA Summer Picnic will be held at Camp Kiwanis Boy Scout Camp in Mason, MI., on June 23, 2012. [Secretary’s note: The location and date of the Summer Picnic has been changed to Tollgate Farm in Novi, MI, to be held on Sunday, July 22, 2012, in a decision made after the Fall Conference.]

**Meeting to adjourn made at 4:25pm.**