Michigan Beekeepers” Association

September 12, 2015

Members present: President Terry Toland, Vice President Ann Leonard, Treasurer Steve Tilmann, Don Lam, Anne Marie Fauvel, Zachary Huang, Cindy Dudock

Addition to agenda: Beekeeper of the year

Approval of agenda

Secretary’s Report (Toland) Accepted as received

Treasurer’s Report: (Tilmann) Totals Checking $31,781.49; paypal $.70; Propay $447.23; CD $15,000. Motion to accept by Fauvel, second by Hollis. Approved.

MDA – no report

MSU – no report

Elections- Dave Anthony, chair not present. Nominations are:

President – Terry Toland

Secretary - Don Schram

Sheldon Schwitek

District Areas up for election: 1, 3, 5, 7. Teresa McCarthy is nominated for #3 and Joel Lantz for #7.

Constitutional Change Committee

1. Discussed need for specific periodic reports from district reps. Bylaws do not address the issue. Would lead to better MBA/district communication and support. Reports would be submitted to new board person described below. Action requires constitutional amendment.
2. Discussed need for “Membership communication/relations Person” with responsibilities in social media, relationships, calendar, emails, newsletter items, MBA ads, and so on. Motion for Toland and Tilmann to draft position description and submit to executive committee for approval and placement on the business agenda for the fall meeting. Motion by Fauvel and second by Tilmann. Approved.

Fall Conference

1. Honey Judging to be by Bill Sirr or his helper/replacement. Payment of $100 as a speaker’s fee for their services.

2. Breakouts (Leonard). Ten in place so far with more needed. Pay of $100 per presentation this conference only because of distant location in Traverse City. Don Lam to contact Steve Rieger master beekeeper in Muir, MI to present of pkgs/nucs. (Rieger declined because of a recent fall out of a tree.)

Labeling, Marketing, and selling Honey - Bob Hollis

Apitherapy – Joel Lantz

Winter Bee Prep Yooper Style – Dave Payant and Joel Lantz

Make and Take Candles – Barb Applebee

Lotion and Creams – Angie Foster

Honey Bee Worker Behavior – Zachary Huang

Life of the Worker – Zachary Huang

Honey Plants in Michigan – Zachary Huang

Harvesting and Handling Honey – Jonathan Englesma

Selling Honey of Farmers’ Markets – Mieke Englesma

“Why is Everyone talking about bees? Joan Mandell

Products of the Hive - Rich Wieske

Beginners’ Track – Terry Toland and Cindy Dudock
Mite check program – Walter Pett
Noxema Check microscope demo – Jim Withers

**New Business**

Beekeeper of the Year: (Fauvel) Process followed was to ask all district reps last July to submit nominations. Nominations were then shared among all reps and voted on. Person selected will be announced at the fall business meeting.

Mite testing Kits are available in the MSU store at $10 for MBA members

Adjournment 11:45.