Michigan Beekeepers’ Association
June 4, 2016

Agenda

Present: Terry Toland, Ann Leonard, Steve Tillman, Mike Hanson, Dave Anthony, Don Lam, Walter Pett, Anne-Marie Fauvel, Joel Lantz, Chris Beck

1. Call to Order
2. Additions to Agenda
   a. None
3. Approval of Agenda
   a. Motion to accept: Moved Anne Marie, 2nd Sheldon

4. Secretary’s Report – Sheldon Schwitek
   a. Motion to accept April minutes as sent.
      i. Moved Dave 2nd Chris
   b. Motion to accept minutes May minutes as read by Terry
      i. Moved Ann, 2nd Anne Marie

5. Treasurer’s Report – Stephen Tilmann
   A. Financial
      a. Current Balance is $34,947
      b. Motion to approve Financial Report
         i. Moved 2nd
   B. Membership
      a. Current 911, 480 lapsed members
         i. Lapsed memberships are cumulative of 6 years

6. Member Communications - Meghan Milbrath
   a. First newsletter went out
      i. She will add it to the website again.
   b. Swarm and cut-out maps
      i. Many people are using a free service instead of the paid site that we have.
      ii. Terry would like the membership package to include being on all of the maps.
iii. Meghan would like to start this immediately
   1. **Motion** that all 3 maps are an opt-in free member benefit. Moved Dave, 2nd Joel
   2. **Motion** to open the maps immediately. Moved: Sheldon, 2nd: Don

iv. Discussion of Board members needing access to mailing list.
   1. **Motion** to make a physical membership list with a privacy disclosure available to all board members in May following the Spring Conference. Moved: Dave, 2nd Don: 1 nay Carried

v. Terry is working on a Membership benefit package to help with recruitment. He will be providing more details next meeting. He is also looking at a “Commercial Package” benefit.

7. Seed packets – Steve, Anne Marie, Therese
   a. Steve talked to Pete from Pheasants Forever. Custom seed packets, $3500 for 10,000.
      i. They may be able to provide the seed,
      ii. Consult on seed content.
      iii. Cost sharing
   b. Meghan had some concern about the seed mixes containing invasive plants. We need to be able to review the mix to be sure that it is appropriate in this state.

8. MDARD – Mike Hansen
   a. Looking for 24 locations with 10 colonies to sample bees and pollen for a “National Survey?”
      i. He has enough contacts
   b. Jan 10-14, National Joint Meeting for ABF
   c. Dr. Avaril and April Hunt, Animal Feed: Tim Lyons are working together to clarify the regulations
      i. looking for clear direction on how the new antibiotic registration and use will be in place.
ii. Good vets have a relationship with the individual. Large Animal Vets are more familiar with doing a visit to understand the beekeepers’ management practices.

iii. Meghan is doing some training and out-reach. Currently trying to compile a list of vets who would be willing be a part of supporting beekeepers with this new initiative.

d. Food Futures Campaign, Friends of the Earth
   i. Demonstration in Ann Arbor and Detroit planned for June 16.

9. MSU – Walter Pett,
   a. BeePalloza is taking place on campus.
   b. Walter is working on the 2017 GAMPS. There will be additions regarding the new regulations.

10. Old Business
    A. Summer Picnic August 6, 2016 Frankenmuth, Michigan
       a. Terry will let us know where things are at and then we will host an online meeting to confirm.

    B. Fall Conference – October 21st – 22nd 2016
       Holiday Inn Gateway Center – Flint, Michigan
       1. Keynote – Debbie Delaney – Host Anne Marie Fauvel
          a. Main stage- Themes for the day
             i. Keynote:
                1. Meghan
                2. Rufus
                3. Others who will be determined
       2. Breakouts- 3 small breakout rooms
          a. for a total of 8 Sessions in addition to the
       3. Vendors-
          a. Monroe- Adams Room
             i. Don is handling the vendor registration
       4. Honey Judging
          a. Website will be updated to reflect the opportunity for beekeepers.

11. New Business
A. Election Committee
   i. Dave
   ii. Norm
   iii. Preston- 7 Ponds
B. Correspondence:
   i. None.

Next Meeting – No July meeting, August is Picnic, September 17th, October is conference, November 5th, January 7th