Michigan Beekeepers’ Association
November 5, 2016


Agenda
1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of new Board Members
3. Additions to Agenda
4. Approval of Agenda
   Motion: accept the Agenda. Moved: Cindy, 2nd Cindy

5. Secretary’s Report – Sheldon Schwitek
   Motion: accept the Secretary’s Report. Moved: Ann, 2nd Cindy

6. Treasurer’s Report – Theresa Wyatt
   o Financials are still in transition as Theresa get things switched over from the previous treasurer.
   o A short list of items that she hopes to address before next meeting.
     o She is hoping to look at how the CD’s are being utilized.
     o Motion to let CD interest to accumulate as opposed withdrawing them each time they come due.
   A. Financial
      a. See attached report.
         i. Barb Applebee requested list of Bee Clubs in the state. Reported that there is a list on the website and the Northern Bee Club website
   B. Membership
      a. to be reported next meeting.
   Motion: accept the Treasurer’s Report. Moved: Cindy, 2nd Norm

7. Member Communications - Meghan Milbrath
   o She would like to have a final report from the District Reps summarizing the year.
     o She is hoping to have District Rep. report by the beginning of December.
   o There will be a lunch at the Spring Conference for Communications and the District Reps.
   o Meghan is also going to be sending an email out to all State Club presidents to connect with them and reiterate what the benefits are for being a part of MBA. Also to let them know that they can keep us up to date on their activities.
   o Discussion regarding the maps being a service for members. How to get and keep it up to date.

8. Seed packets – Therese McCarthey
   o This is to be discussed at the next meeting, along with other outstanding project that need to be addressed. The idea being to follow up on where we are with this and the partnership with Pheasants Forever.
9. MDARD – Mike Hansen (absent) update: Meghan Milbrath
   - Michigan Pollinator Protection Plan is getting final input on how to utilize the plan regarding spraying. Drift Watch being the current application that is utilized.
   - Funding for 2 projects
     - Pollinator Educators- a service
     - Heroes to Hives: ATT sponsored. Working on a beginning beekeeper curriculum that can be used by clubs in the future. This particular program is being used to introduce Veterans to beekeeping.
   - Mike: Bee movement inspections are keeping the inspectors busy.

10. MSU – Walter Pett, Zachary Huang
    - No report at this time

11. Old Business
    - Fall Conference – October 21st – 22nd 2016
      Holiday Inn Gateway Center – Flint, Michigan
      - Honey Judging
        - Thanks to the Honey Judges.
        - Colleen should be compensated for her time of coordinating and “guarding” the honey.
      Motion: that we compensate Colleen Harnick for her hotel room cost ($200). Moved: Norm, 2nd Chris.
      - Chris is updating the sheets for the judging. Including labels and information for donation to auction.
      - Forward the pictures of winners to Chris and the Communications Chair to get posted.
      - Honey Show might need to be in a better spot, so that attendees can see the process.
      Motion: Judging kit Moved: Norm, 2nd Sheldon.
      Motion: Refractometer to be housed with MSU undergraduate bee team.
    - Executive committee reviewed invoice for supplies for honey judging and the Ok was giving to pay it.
    - Kellogg Center – MSU East Lansing, Michigan
      - Walter talked to ANR committee and they immediately signed off with the Kellogg Center regarding the conference. The location is now set.
      - There is hope that we will be able to sign a multi-year contract with the Kellogg Center for future meetings.
      - ANR needs to be included in our promotion of the conference since they grant us all the conference rooms
    - Keynote – Tom Seeley
    - MSU Event Planning – Meghan Milbrath
      - Has a service that we can tap into.
      - see attached list of services
        - Registration is something that we may want to tap into at the very least.
          - Would only cost us 5%
        - There is a consideration that they could do more in the future.
Board reviewed the list of services available.
Kellogg will promote the event in their social media outlet.

Motion: to utilize MSU Conference Services for the spring meeting registration. Meghan will get a price for the overall cost and will get approval from the executive board. Meghan, 2nd Ann

- Vendors. Terry proposed a different way of providing vendor sponsorship at different levels. Including website ads and tables at conferences.
  - There is some talk about helping this be set up as a tradeshow.
- Marina Marchese
  - Honey Connoisseur
  - invited to present on Friday night.

New Business

- GVSU Grant Proposal – Anne Marie Fauvel
  - Motion to fund the submitted proposal. Moved: Sheldon, 2nd: Theresa, Carried
- ABF Delegates
  - Sheldon
  - Terry to ask Meghan and Rich.
- EAS State Director
  - Terry to ask Rich.
- Presidents Expense Report
  - Expenses: for Marquette meeting
    - Beekeeper of the Year in the UP
- Correspondence:
  - Rich Wieske was asked to be the District Rep for the year until elections at the next fall conference.
  
  Motion to donate $500 to Freemont in memorial to Chef François. Moved: Ann, 2nd: Chris, Carried
- Technology:
  - Need to research the tech needs and the cost of hardware and software.
  - Theresa and Sheldon will get some pricing and bring proposal to the next meeting.

11. Next Meeting – January 7th
12. Adjournment