Michigan Beekeepers’ Association  
February 4, 2017  

Attendance: Sheldon Schwitek, Roger Hoopengarner, Zachary Huang, Ray Lackey, Walter Pett, Mike Risk,, Cindy Dudock, David Anthony, Dale Woods, Norman Adams, Chris Beck, India Oak, Leo Stevens, Clay Ottoni, Theresa Wyatt

1. Call to Order

2. Additions to Agenda

3. Approval of Agenda  
   a. Motion: Dave. Mike

4. Secretary’s Report – Sheldon Schwitek  
   No formal minutes recorded from last meeting  
   a. Motions for previous meeting  
      i. $5 increase in cost for the Spring Conference  
      ii. $3000 for 2 macs and iPad.  
   Motion to accept the report as presented to this meeting.  
   Moved: Roger, 2nd Dave, Carried

5. Treasurer’s Report – Theresa Wyatt  
   A. Financial  
      b. All banking is all being pulled under the umbrella of the bank on-line system.  
      c. Clay asked if our receipts have been over $50,000 on a yearly, as this would trigger an audit per our corporate/not-for-profit status. It was agreed that we have not crossed that threshold.  
   B. Membership transfer to new online system is close to being finalized.  
      a. New membership database program.  
         i. Theresa is very excited about the way it working and please with the tech support she is getting.  
         ii. She is wondering how she can include beekeeper experience/knowledge in the membership information  
         iii. She noted that there is an option to use the program for conference registration. A consideration for the fall conference this year.

   C. Mailing List  
      a. Registration through ANR is capturing details of our membership. Since we have tried to keep that list private, some were wondering if we have compromised that now.  
      I am having a hard time remember exactly what this motion was. Someone please remind me?  
      Motion to approve: Norm. 2nd Dale, Carried

6. Member Communications - Meghan Milbrath  
   a. Regrets

7. MDARD – Mike Hansen
a. Managed Pollinator Plan is coming together.
   i. Asking bee clubs to promote the program. The communication plan is to let stakeholders know that a draft has been written and will be open to feedback from them.

b. Meghan presented to Michigan Veterinary Assn. regarding antibiotics for bees.
   i. Hoping to have them up to speed before the cutoff date and let beekeepers know who they can turn to for support.

c. Honey Bee Health Coalition is a great resource bee health and treatment outlines.
   www.honeybeehealthcoalition.org
   i. Video called “Bee Understanding Project”.
   ii. A number of other guides available, especially their Varroa Management Guide.

d. El Nino Bee Lab
   i. Has a tool/frame that they are testing that allows bees to rub off the mites.

8. MSU – Walter Pett, Zachary Huang
   a. Discussion regarding AFB.
      i. All colonies have AFB present. What is the vet prescribing antibiotics for, if it is always going to be present?
         1. The intent is that antibiotics are to be used to treat, rather than AFB (ABF is usually dealt with by burning hive, although antibiotics have allowed it to be suppressed in the past.
   b. Walt wanted everyone to know that the lobby and halls of the Kellogg Center are under construction in the lobby

9. Old Business
   A. Spring Conference – March 10th, 11th 2017
      Kellogg Center – MSU East Lansing, Michigan
      1. Keynote –
         a. Tom Seeley
            i. Confirmed. Pickup on Thursday and staying until 10am on Sunday.
            ii. Room needs to be confirmed for Saturday.
         b. Marina- Honey Connoisseur
            i. Is going to come and speak on Friday Night, including a book signing.
            ii. And would like to do a breakout.
      2. MSU Event Planning
         a. There was a call held to finalize the details for registration to go live. They were hoping to have it up on Friday. Terry will follow up.
      3. Breakouts – Ann Leonard
         a. How to become a Commercial Beekeeper- Dave has agreed to do this break-out.
         b. Walter is presenting on Varroa Management.
         c. The schedule is looking good.
      4. Vendors – Don Lam
         a. Vendor Registration so far, is 8 (on-line), but Don was not present to update the numbers
         b. There will be an option for on-line registration.
         c. Terry will confirm Thursday Set-up.

10. Becoming non-profit
    a. Clay is taking the lead.
       i. Requirement: out of pocket expenses
ii. Requests:
   1. Life Time Membership for the work.
iii. All of our filings need to be brought up to date.
   1. We are still registered as a 501c5
iv. Someone needs to find out if the Freemont Foundation accepts the Ag definition as a 501c5 for disbursement of finds
v. There are a number of issues that need to be resolved, in order to bring everything up to date.
vi. Disadvantages
   1. 30-page compliance guide.
   2. Can’t use any money for any political purposes.

Motion to clean up all of our registrations (501c5 & Sate of Michigan) to make them current and reimburse Clay for any expenses.
   Moved Roger & 2nd Dale, Carried

Motion Life time membership for Clay in lieu of payment to get all of our filings up to date.
   Moved Roger & 2nd Dave, Carried

11. New Business
   A. Correspondence
      a. Metro Detroit (DTW)- is interested in Rich putting bees at the airport.
      b. Clay: there is a BT strain found to fight mites.
      c. Rich: Freemont Foundation
         i. Wanted to confirm that there was a donation made in memory of François. It has been done.
      d. Grace O Martin, passed away in January. She was the predecessor to Roger @ MSU
         i. Motion to Fremont Donation of $500

Motion to make a $500 donation to the Freemont Foundation in Honor of G. O. Martin.
   Moved Roger & 2nd Clay, Carried

B. Website
   a. Dave is frustrated with advertisement on website.
      i. Needs to know who to contact when issues arise. This has been an ongoing issue for Dave and other advertisers.
      ii. Investigate if Laurel is the person is the person to do the work.

11. Next Meeting – April 1st, May 6th, June 3rd
12. Adjournment