Michigan Beekeepers’ Association  
June 3, 2017

Attendance: Walter Pett, Roger Hoopengarner, Greg Willis, Clay Ottoni, Theresa Whyat, Terry Toland, India Olk

By Video Conference: Joel Lantz, Meghan Milbrath, Mike Hanson

1. Call to Order
   • 9:25

2. Additions to Agenda

3. Approval of Agenda
   Moved by Greg, 2nd Roger

4. Secretary’s Report – Sheldon Schwitek
   Moved by Clay, 2nd Roger

5. Treasurer’s Report – Theresa Wyatt
   • Financial
     • Spring Conference
       i. We are going to make a request for Clearer reporting from the vendor to understand what all the charges are.
       ii. There is a significant delay in the payout from ANR which were not clear on when we signed our contract. There was some discussion regarding the receipt of the final payment and some of the issues that arose, etc.
       iii. Final report on the payout will be forth coming once we have resolved all of the questions.
     • ANR-
       i. We are one of the largest meetings at ANR week. And it seems like the pool of groups they support is getting smaller. As a result, there are concerns around the ongoing support that they will be able to provide in the future.
     • Discussion
       i. There was some discussion of other ways to provide conference support regionally, instead of a central Spring Conference. The thought being we might reach more beekeepers, if we used our resources to sponsor clubs to have regional spring meetings.
     • The Credit Card for the Association was compromised and has since been fixed.

• Membership
  • The final transfer has been delayed due to the treasurer having a family emergency. She hopes that the new system will be up and running in the next 2 weeks.
  • There was a need to close down the current membership registration in order set up and switch over to the new system.
  • Lifetime membership
    i. List needs to be finalized
ii. Terry suggested name tags for all lifetime members to identify them at conferences

**Motion:** Lifetime membership name tags  
**Moved:** Greg, 2nd Theresa

**Motion:** Accept treasurers report  
**Moved:** Roger, 2nd India

6. **Member Communications - Meghan Milbrath**  
   • Programming  
      i. Introduction to Dan Lyons- BIP Tech Transfer Team  
         • Commercial Beekeeping in Australia and Canada  
         • Tech Transfer regional placements  
            a. Working with about 20% of the commercial colonies across the country to evaluate successful practices around the country.  
         • Monitoring colonies in Michigan  
            a. Working with 20 or so Commercial operations  
         • Meghan will send an email out to membership outlining the project and the role of Dan
   ii. Sentinel Apiary  
      • 4 sites around the state at research stations around the state  
         a. reporting every 2 weeks for each  
         b. Chatham, Benton Harbor, Lansing, Traverse City  
            i. Ben Phillips  
            ii. Ann Marie, Job Englesma

7. **District Rep.**  
   • Brief reports from Greg Willis and India Olk regarding their regions activities.

8. **MDARD – Mike Hansen**  
   • USDA is still running virus sampling on 2016. Report coming soon.  
   • Beekeeper questions that he has fielded lately.  
      i. rights for urban beekeeping  
      ii. Queens from Canada?  
      iii. Movement inspections are still taking place  
      iv. Queen sales  
      • Remember that shipping out of state may have implications as far as inspections and certifications from the state apiarist.

9. **MSU – Walter Pett, Zachary Huang**  
   • June 18- Bee-Palooza  
   • Detroit  
      i. Toured urban farms and there is a movement looking at an ordinance for the city.  
         • Indian Village and other areas of the city.

10. **Conferences**  
    A. Conference Committee
a. Terry is working on coordinating a group who would take on the details of organizing the conference.

B. Spring Conference
   a. Final Report forth coming

C. Fall Conference
   a. Fall Conference Speaker
      i. Dewey & Larry
      ii. Date has to be the first weekend in November to work with their availability.

Motion: Executive Board will make a decision on location of the fall conference
Moved by Greg, India

D. Discussion
   a. Number of ways to host the conferences.
   b. Discussion regarding Membership Meeting

11. Report on Non-profit Status
   • We are official up to date with the state.
   • Financials for the last 10 years will be submitted to the

12. Summer Picnic ideas
   • SEMBA’s Summer Picnic, Sunday, July 16
      i. Potluck @ 1:30
      ii. MSU Tollgate in Novi
   • Keynote speakers.
      i. Dana Stalman-
      ii. Don Schram- Artificial Insemination will be the
   • Door prizes needed as opposed to support for the food.
      i. Would like provide local queens

Motion to provide $500 to purchase local queens Summer Picnic door prizes
Moved by Terry, Theresa.
   • Working on getting a computerized registration up and running

13. New Business
   I. Correspondence
      • Presidents Report.
         i. Nothing to report
   II. Zachary Huang and funding in general.
      • Zachary was Granted $4500 last year
      • Dissection class needs to be paid @ $40 per person for Spring class.
      • MBA could provide a list of industry priorities that would help others receive funding.
      • MBA could look at grant writing support for those are submitting proposals for funding.

Motion to grant Zachary $5000 presently and look to Freemont Foundation for what is available to provide additional funding.
Moved: Greg, 2nd Walt
   III. Freemont Foundation donations
Motion to donate $500 to Freemont Foundation in memoriam of Alex Bzenko
Moved by Clay, 2nd Roger

IV. Michigan Honey Festival
   • What are the priorities of MBA regarding events like this?
   • There has been some feedback that the regarding the mission of the festival.
     i. General public vs just beekeepers.
   • Is there any reciprocity for the MBA support?
   • What are the opportunities for MBA to further its mission
     i. Honey promotion
     ii. Summer Conferences (i.e. Michigan HAS)

V. Michigan Commercial Beekeepers
   • Some discussion of how do we include the commercial beekeepers into our activities
   • How could an alliance be leveraged to have a joint meeting.
   • Perhaps invite them to set up a booth promoting commercial beekeeper.

11. Next Meeting - July 8, August 12, September 16, October 7, November 11
    Walter will reserve room as necessary.

12. Adjournment: Walt