Michigan Beekeepers’ Association
July 8, 2017

Present: Terry Toland, Sheldon Schwitek, Meghan Milbrath, Ann Leonard, Chris Beck, Norm Adams, Koffi, Joel Lantz

Agenda
1. Call to Order
2. Additions to Agenda
3. Approval of Agenda
   Motion: Sheldon, 2nd: Ann. Carried
4. Secretary’s Report – Sheldon Schwitek
   Motion to accept: ?, 2nd: ?. Carried
5. Treasurer’s Report – Theresa Wyatt
   A. See attached report
   Motion to accept: ?, 2nd: ?. Carried
6. Member Communications - Meghan Milbrath
   a. Bare Bones for website
   b. Maps. Extraction Services, to be added.
   c. Membership Benefits, discussion around being a member to have listing.
      i. Resources is the value not a membership driver.
      ii. Agree to create a
   d. Sentinel Apiary Project to go out in our communications.
   e. Terry is forwarding info regarding shipping bees to California from
   a. District 2- Chris Beck
      i. There has been a lot of activity in this region with club meeting and apiary days.
   b. District 7- Joel Lantz
i. No honey flow in the UP
ii. Planning continues for the UP Conference
   1. March 3, 2017
iii. 3 Clubs are active in the region.
iv. Lots of publicity around a pesticide kill for the Childrens’ Museum.

c. District 4- Koffi Kpachavi
   i. Very active clubs right now.
   ii. Great honey flow underway.
   iii. Holland Club is doing a great job of bringing speakers
   iv. Grand Rapids is now meeting at a winery.

d. District 6- Norm Adams
   i. Report submitted
   ii. Lots of rain in the district. Even serious flooding in some areas.

8. MDARD – Mike Hansen
   a. Not present at this meeting.

9. MSU – Walter Pett, Zachary Huang
   a. Bee-palooza was a success.
      i. Honey Bees were well represented.
   b. MI Polinator Protection Plan is getting finalized in the next week or so.
      i. Official comment period is closed.
      ii. www.Pollinators.msu.edu for more information on where things are at.

10. Conference Committee Report
    a. Adam Ingrao (who is being hired by MSU Extension) is an event planner and would like to join in helping with the conferences. Ann and Adam will co-chair the committee. Need another 7-8 people to help support the committee. Chris Beck and Norm Adams have been asked to join. They are looking for members, ie: Regular members
    b. Fall conference will continue as planned and moved forward.
    c. Summer Picnic 2018 will be hosted by Dave Anthony and
       i. Dave and his colleagues will be a great hosts.
d. Summer Picnic 2017- July 16 is set and being hosted by SEMBA
e. Spring Conference 2018

11. Becoming non-profit- Clay Ottoni
   a. Michigan registration is due again.
   b. Treasurer- Needs to issue a 1099 as a
c. Going forward- the Tax ID Number needs to be used instead of personal
d. Steve Tillman to contact Clay and he will help to sort things out as he proceeds with the IRS.

12. Summer Picnic
   a. Computer program to register for people.
   b. Speakers are set.
c. Queens- Discussion around who can provide queens.
   i. Clay will finalize details.

13. New Business
   A. Correspondence
   a. State of California beekeepers conference has extended
   b. Job Description for Web Master for Ray Lakey. In order to provide him with his per-diem, we want to be clear about what is expected of him.
c. Pay Laurel Truax for time for 6 months.
   i. Sheldon will contact Theresa regarding getting her payment.

   B. Honey Judging
   **Motion** to reimburse Honey Judges for travel and expenses to clubs to promote Honey Competitions.
   a. Must be a member to enter the competition.

   C. Liability Insurance Policy
   a. There is a need for liability insurance to host conferences and meetings in other venues and for other clubs. There
was a discussion with Shelly from Black-Rowe and has put together a quote of about $3000.

Motion to pursue Liability Insurance for MBA and associated clubs.
Moved: Sheldon, 2nd: Meghan, Carried

14. Next Meeting – August 12th, September 16th, October 7th, November 11th, No meeting in Dec.

15. Adjournment