Michigan Beekeepers’ Association
August 12, 2017

Minutes

Present: Meghan Milbrath, Sheldon Schwitek, Ann Leonard, Koffi Kpachavi, Roger Hoppengarner, Walter Pett, Terry Toland, Zachary Huang, Chris Beck

1. Call to Order: 10:30

2. Additions to Agenda
   Motion to accept the agenda: Roger, 2nd: Sheldon. Carried

3. Secretary’s Report – Sheldon Schwitek
   • Tabled to next Meeting

4. Treasurer’s Report – Theresa Wyatt
   A. Financial
   B. Membership
      a. See attached
   Motion to accept: Sheldon, 2nd: Ann. Carried

5. Member Communications – Meghan Milbrath
   • Working on someone to do a newsletter regularly.
   • Commercial Beekeepers Meeting.
      o A lot of pesticide issues and bear issues for commercial beekeeper.
      o They are expressing a need to work towards policy change. And this would be a good opportunity to collaborate with MBA.

   • Koffe Kpachavi-
      o Grand Rapids Beekeepers meeting focused on Extraction
      o Kalamazoo and Holland met on Extraction and the Cottage Food Law.

Freemont Beekeepers: Meet August 17 and then again August 30- Overwintering w/ Meghan Milbrath.

- Norm Adams
  - Picnic Season.
  - They are beginning to extract

- Chris Beck:
  - He will speaking at several meetings across the state.
  - Honey Festival, attendance was down?
    - Chris’ wife won the honey recipe contest.

7. MDARD – Mike Hansen
- Looking for beekeepers to start scheduling movement inspections ASAP.
- National Bee Survey samples are being submitted.

8. MSU – Walter Pett, Zachary Huang
- Field Day at Saginaw Biological Station.
- Zachary did the meeting at A2B2 with a workshop on Photography.
- Question about who is going work on Viruses
  - Judy Wu.
  - Others?

9. Conference Committee – Ann Leonard, Adam Ingrao
- Fall Conference 2017
  - Conference Call for Fall meeting
- UP Beekeepers Spring Conference March 31, 2017
  - Terry will to find out what kind of support they might need in order to host the conference. Tabled to next meeting
- Spring Conference
  - MSU
- Summer Picnic 2018
- Fall Conference 2018, Nov 2 & 3
  - Mount Pleasant
- Spring 2018
  - MSU
• Fall Conference 2019, Nov. 1 & 2
  • Holland
• Spring 2019
  • MSU
• Fall Conference 2020
  • Detroit Area

10. Reinstate Non-Profit – Clay Ottoni
  • Steve Tillman is looking for payment to cover the income tax refiling. Cost is $225
  **Motion:** To reimburse Steve Tillman for expenses incurred to resolve the taxation issue.
  Moved: Roger, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Meghan, Carried

11. New Business
   A. Correspondence
      • Thank you from the Girl Scouts regarding a talk that was given at Girl Scout Camp
   B. EAS
      • Dues paying members of EAS. **Motion:** Sheldon, Koffe
      **Motion:** Sheldon, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Koffe. Carried
   C. Dewey and Larry Road Show
      • Sheldon will submit a proposal to cover the costs and honoraria for Larry and Dewey to speak at club meeting before and after the Fall Conference.

15. Next Meeting – September 16<sup>th</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup>, November 11<sup>th</sup>
  **Motion** to Adjourn: Walt