Michigan Beekeepers Association
January 6, 2018
MSU Natural science Building Room 224b

Minutes:
In attendance: Sheldon Schwitek, Meghan Milbrath, Dave Pearce, Walter Pett, Don Lam, Dave Anthony, Mike French.
Speaker phone: Chris Beck, Ann Leonard, Theresa Wyatt, Mike Hansen, Joel Lantz.

Agenda

Call to order: 10:10 a.m. Sheldon Schwitek presiding.

President’s Report: Nothing to report

Secretary’s Report: Nothing to report

Treasurer’s Report: Theresa Wyatt: Email hacked. Filed complaint with State Police.
Q: Gmail or MBA site? A: Not known at this time, all avenues being investigated. If you need money, telephone Treasurer.
Checking account: $29,280.00
Cash in hand: $44,000.00
Motion to accept: Sheldon Schwitek, Seconded: Don Lam, Carried unanimously.

MBA website: Meghan Milbrath:
Map with all members listed
Charlotte Hubbard/newsletter: inre MBA managing ads—new system for ads—looking for major paid ads—need someone to run ads for MBA website.
Discussion on using MBA website or Facebook for paid advertising.
Motion by Dave Anthony for resource page on MBA website and must be a member to advertise. Seconded: Don Lam
Carried unanimously. An addendum by Joel Lantz to have a paid ad person was in the minutes of a previous meeting.

Conference Committee: Ann Leonard,
- ANR Conf. rates for rooms —book by February
- Vendors—“Shortage of tables last year.” Don Lam
- Auction at conference
- Honey tasting class—not enough time last year. Class to be extended. Fee required 2-3 hours; 2 classes. Will cost $2,000 for Marina Marchese. Meghan Milbrath made a motion to bring Marina Marchese to spring conference—
fee to be negotiated! Seconded: Mike French. Carried unanimously.

Mike Hansen: Department of Agriculture has awarded MBA grant of $20,000 to be disbursed to Michigan beekeepers for vandalism, bear attacks etc. They will pay 50% for claims up to $250, for a total of $500 per beeyard.
Dave Anthony says it is permissible to kill depredating bears on sight if attacking beeyards.

Meghan Milbrath: Awarded $2,000 from commercial beekeepers for research for fungicides/pesticides and malnourishment/foulbrood testing.
A motion to match these funds by MBA board was made by Don Lam. Seconded by Dave Pearce. Carried unanimously.

New Business: Dave Anthony to have summer picnic at AWS first weekend in August (tentative)

Next meeting: February 3rd at 10am

MEETING ADJOURNED 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike French

Note: If I have by chance, omitted anything of importance, it is your duty to inform me, pronto!

N.B. I used a voice recorder at the last meeting. It didn’t work too well. It is one of those technically wonderful marvels; I need to read the instructions again—all 42 pages of them!