MBA Board meeting minutes 3/02/18

Present: M. Risk, A. Ingrao, L Stevens, C. Holovach, C. Beck, D. Zurek, T. Toland, M. Milbrath, A. Leonard


Meeting called to order @ 10:05

Additions to agenda: L. Stevens, Fall meeting and Website access

Agenda approved,

Treasurers report: c.o.h is $26,066.24 and that registration is picking up for the upcoming conference

A brief discussion was had on the cost that MBA should charge for Marina’s Honey Tasting Book. MBA to charge $25.

Treasurer also had correspondence from Milford Cooperative Preschoolers who had raised money to preserve the honeybees and were seeking suggestions as to where to send. Meghan to respond with suggestions/recommendations.

Leo Stevens brought up the cost of the 2017 Fall meeting held in Kalamazoo, and how can MBA function without an operating budget. Discussion followed and all agreed that Treasurer should present board with operating budget for the year. President will discuss with Treasurer.

Also brought up that he had been to local clubs and there are complaints over not being able to access website for registration forms and that the MBA Board meetings had not been added since late 2016. Meghan instructed that those complaining need to contact either her, Sheldon or Theresa with specific questions so that they can figure out why cannot access. – Side note – minutes from 2017 were added to the MBA website as meeting was in progress.

M. Hansen MDA report – updated on new bee inspectors (who will attend the upcoming conference), Bee informed and losses

District rep reports:

No reports available from Dist 1, Dist 5, Dist 7

District 2 – C. Beck reports lots of deadouts but local clubs are very active

District 3 – R. Wieske – reports of losses

District 4 – K. Kpachavi – reports of losses

District 6 – N. Adams – reports of losses

District 5 - there is a vacancy in this district for a rep.

Meghan will send email to all District reps requested monthly updates for board meetings.

At this time it was brought up of a district rep requesting funding to video Meghans talks during the upcoming conference to put on the MBA website. Motion made and discussion followed. Discussion followed and motion was denied. However, Meghan and Adam to pursue setting up a youtube channel and having videos placed on there.

Conference update: A. Ingrao reported that the program was finalized and will go to printer on Monday. Everything moving forward for a great conference.

Vendors: currently 55 vendors are registered and we have 72 spaces available. Local clubs will get tables along with MBA who Meghan will “man”. Discussion then followed as to how local clubs are recognized, etc. The auction to be held on Friday night will divide funds raised between the Heroes to Hives program and the Clarkston High School (see communications).

Upcoming conferences: 2018 Summer picnic will be hosted by Anthony Bee Farm, Swartz Creek and will be held Aug 11. Details will be provided at later date.
2018 Fall conference to be held at Comfort Inn in Mt Pleasant. Date will be confirmed when CMU football schedule is published. Discussion followed (as a followup of the cost of 2017 fall conference) and motion was made to have the 2018 fall conference as 1 day only. Motion carried.

Chris Beck is to followup with the conference center regarding this change and get back with the Board regarding date, etc. COMB has volunteered to be “hosts” of the conference and will be responsible for speakers, etc.

Locations of fall conferences was discussed and Ann Arbor Bee Group is interested in hosting the 2019 fall conference.

Communications:

Via email, Clarkston High School Science teacher, Mike Olsen, and students are starting a “community apiary” to be constructed at the high school and is asking for their students to go to spring conference at no charge. MBA will support the group and will give ½ profits from the auction and additional support to the group to get them started.

2017 Fall conference was again brought up and discussed. A motion was made to purchase an additional projector to be used at future conferences - discussion followed and motion carried.

Mike Risk will be housing the MBA honey sticks and coloring books. Any needing those can contact Mike at 517-643-1880 or mrisk75@gmail.com

Motion to adjourn made and passed.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Leonard in the absence of MBA Secretary