Michigan Beekeepers Association
September 22, 2018

In-Person MSU meeting

Minutes:
Signed in: Chris Beck, Kay Cease, Mike Hansen, Koffi Kpachavi, Don Lam, Ann Leonard, Meghan Milbrath, Sheldon Schweitek, Terry Toland, Rich Wieske

Call to order: 10:08 am Sheldon Schwitek presiding

AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda: Ann Leonard , Seconded: Chris Beck

Treasurer’s Report:

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Active/Current Members: 597
It’s been slow over the summer, but hope for increased interest with the upcoming conference

Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report:
Ann Leonard: Seconded: Chris Beck

Member Communications: Meghan Milbrath
Going to call potential volunteers for Communications Committee. The Fall Conference website should be up Monday.
District Representative Reports:

Koffi Kpachavi:
A new club has been started as of this month in the Muskegon area. It is going very well.

Chris Beck:
Had a conference call recently with Norm Adams regarding Beekeeper of the Year for each district, and also for the state. Norm is contacting an engraver to set up the awards. Upper Peninsula Beekeeper of the Year is Tom Nebel, Lower Michigan’s is Charlotte Hubbard from District 1, Young Beekeeper of the Year from District 4 is Brett Kozma, District 2 is David Pearce, District 3 is Sandra Graichen, District 5 is Mike Banyai, and District 6 is Jim Withers.

Motion to make all of those currently awarded Beekeeper of the Year honorary members of MBA for one year, in order to meet Constitutional requirements:
Terry Toland, Seconded: Ann Leonard

Motion to create an amendment to the Constitution which would allow non-members to be awarded Beekeeper of the Year, to define District Beekeepers of the Year and for them all to receive an honorary one-year membership to MBA as part of their award:
Terry Toland, Seconded: Chris Beck

Sheldon and Terry will work on the wording of this change in the Constitution this week and post it, along with election information.

Rich Wieske:
Mite counts are coming up. Harvest seems to be 20-30% lower than previous years.

MDARD:
Mike Hansen:
Lots of movement inspections this time of year, because many states have rules requiring a health inspection and permit before entering. Consult the Apiary Inspectors of America website if you have
beekeepers moving to another state. There is a voluntary red imported fire ant inspection available before moving to California. Also, California does not want us to bring in any soil/weeds, especially knapweed.

Regarding knapweed, the knapweed seed head predator has been around for a long time, and is a very inefficient predator. The bio control that is more concerning is a root predator, which may reduce the knapweed population. Beekeepers seem to be the only ones who like the plant.

We are training new inspectors.

We're in the middle of a national bee survey.

**Conferences:**

October 27, 1918, Doherty Hotel, Clare, Michigan
   Registration: 7:30-9:00a
   Key Speaker: Kim Skyrm: 9:00-10:30p
   Break: 10:30-11:00a
   Meghan Milbrath: 11:00-12:00p
   Lunch Break: 12-1:30p (on your own)
   Key Speaker: Kim Skyrm: 1:30–3:00p
   Break: 3:00–3:30p
   Guest Speaker: 3:30–4:30p (yet to be determined)
   Break: 4:30–5:00p
   Business Meeting, Honey Show and Election results: 5:00–7:00p

Cut-off time for entries in the honey judging is 1:30p.
Don Lam has sent out vendor invitations. There have been 4-5 responders. There is no charge to the vendors because we are trying to encourage participation and want to provide this as a service to our beekeepers.
Suggested Conference Registration Fee: $25/day for families and $20/day for singles

Motion to approve charging $25/day for families and $20/day for singles for the Fall Conference registration
Ann Leonard, Seconded: Rich Wieske

Price of the Doherty Hotel rooms with our discount: $87-110

Nominating Committee:
Ballot:
VP: Chris Beck has agreed to run
Treasurer: Teresa is no longer able to run.
Member at Large: Norm Adams
District 4: Koffi Kpachavi
District 2: Dave Pearce
District 6: Theresa Bristol-Miller and Cindy Dudock

Spring Conference Keynote:
May Berenbaum from the University of Illinois-Urbana
She has a list of possible topics available to speak on. Mike Hansen recommends her research grant regarding Integrated Pest Management for Varroa Mite Control.

Fall 2019 Conference Keynote: No one yet

Spring 2020 Conference Keynote: Possibly Paul Stamets, Bees and Fungi

Motion to adjourn meeting at 11:21a:
Don Lam, Seconded: Kay Cease