

02/18/23 February BOD Meeting

In Person at the Finger Lakes Welcome Center, Geneva, NY

Call to order at 10:00AM by Mark Fiegl

Attendance: Heather Dodds, Eliazara Campbell, Steve Dodds, Tom Wilk, Tom Shultz, Bob Deemer, Kimberly Ess, Todd Smith, Dan Winter, Mark Fiegl,

--On Phone: Stephen Wilson, Andy Card, Mark Berninghausen

Absent: Terry Clark (on cruise ship)

Mark: January Meeting Notes Approval

--Dan Motion to accept as written

--Tom W 2nd motion

--all approved, motion passed

--side note: add last name to Roll Call list for future meeting notes

Mark: President's report

--Ithaca lecture on comb honey 2/19/23

--meets with EAS honey show committee every few weeks

--is participating in SABA beginner classes on Thursday nights

Kim: Treasurers Report

--Memberships are rolling in

--Checking \$9,968.46

--Savings \$27,867.05

--NYSBA \$13,086.65

--6ft table coverings ordered for Lobby Days as well as new floor pullout banners

--printer was not working so Kim will e-mail month end reports to everyone

Kim: Committee Report: Budget

--need more members to help increase revenue

--need to hype up the local/state/regional club memberships to increase local awareness of things that affect us locally

--not everything on the internet pertains to every beekeeper in their area

--income generating idea

--create online store for website and Facebook page for clothing and other items to sell to the public instead of just at the NYS Fair/Fall Conference/Summer picnic

--reviewed budget as it was printed and presented to the BOD for the 2024 year

--Tom S motioned to accept current budget as written for the 2024 year as a starting point for the years to follow

--Tom W 2nd motion

--11 approved motion, motioned passed

--1 abstained, 1 non-voting member present

--Donations for 2023

--Sam Hall Memorial Garden--\$500 from OFLBA

--native plants to the area will be included in the garden

--\$500 donation from ESHPA to match OFLBA

--Tom S motioned to donate to Sam Hall Memorial

--Tom W 2nd motion

--all approved, motion passed

--Pollinator Stewardship Council--\$500 yearly membership dues

--\$500K lawsuit against chemical use—going against EPA

--\$250K donation by a commercial beekeeper

--still need \$250K from other doners

--teaming up with PAM (Project Apis M) to sue EPA to stop pesticide use

--“Taking Lawsuit”

--\$500 donation recommended

--Tom S motioned to join PSC as a state organization at \$500 membership cost for 2023

--Mark 2nd motioned

--all approved, motion passed

--\$1250 to ABF/AHPA for the Anti-Dumping Lawsuit

--Tom S motioned to donate to Anti-Dumping Lawsuit (split the amount between ABF/AHPA)

--Tom W 2nd motion

--all approved, motion passed

--\$1250 to EPA Lawsuit

--Tom S motioned to donate to Taking Lawsuit through EPA/PAM

--Tom W 2nd motioned

--all approved, motion passed

Bob: Scholarship

--see written rough draft of Scholarship

--letter to go to the subcommittee for final draft

--deadline to be June 1st, 2023

--present award at summer picnic to use for Fall semester expenses

--ESHPA e-mail blast to membership, blast to local club presidents to pass on to members

Eliazara: Regions—check email for updated map and list of counties in each region

--now split by county borders and not landmarks

--5 regions instead of 4

--Western, Central, Eastern, Northern, Southern (includes NYC/LI)

--Kim E motioned to approve new director regions by county

--Dan 2nd motion

--all approved, motion passed

Mark: Lobby Days

- Albany February 27th and 28th
- switched tables from #30 to #?? (1-10 options)
- going Monday for ESHPA
- Tuesday is to talk with Senate and Legislature to talk with Farm Bureau
- Tom W going with Mark

12:30pm Lunch—working lunch instead of breaking

Kim & Andy: Summer Meeting—July 15th

- Location: Merrimack Apiaries in East Otto NY
- 2 Speakers: Jim Masucci from GreenLight BioScience and a beekeeper and Ellen from Cornell (replaced Emma)
- John willing to do tour of his facility just down the road from Andy's farm (winter barn)
- doing yard work at Andy's (weather permitting)
 - bring your own protective gear
 - no smokers or tools allowed
- need 6 or more stations for beekeepers to rotate around and to learn something new at each station (like Field Days at Marks house)
- need a back-up plan in case it is a rainy day or scorching hot day
 - tour winter barn down the road
 - Randy Oliver possibly to demonstrate OA uses
 - Marla possibly to talk about AI of Bees
 - Presentations in the honey barn on different topics
- table and chairs with tent for luncheon
- 2-week time frame to finalize details and present to BOD and then publish on webpage and Facebook and e-mail blast

Kim: Fall Meeting

- Date Change: November 10th and 11th with In-person BOD meeting on November 9th
- Guest Speakers: Dave Burns and Bob Binney from YouTube
 - Frank Licatta from MannLake
 - Tammy Horne-Potter—Commercial Speaker
 - Eric Langer—Commercial Speaker
- Friday: Commercial Beekeeper focus mainly
- Saturday: Hobbyist and Sideliner Beekeeper focus mainly

Mark F & Tom S: By-Laws

- highlighted in yellow=change wording, red=delete, green=add
- Tom S making the changes and forwarding to the lawyer for review
 - once back, will be published to the website
- Mark B motioned to approve the by-laws as amended pending the lawyer review
 - Tom W 2nd motion
 - all approved, motion passed

Eliazara/Heather/Kim: election of officers and dates need to be changed on the website to reflect correct dates and terms

Tom W motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:51pm
--Eliazara 2nd motion
--all approved, meeting adjourned

Next meeting: March 9th at 7pm via Zoom

In-person meeting July 14th in Ellicottville from 10-4pm