

01/19/2023 January BOD Meeting
Zoom: 810 263 03098
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Call #: 646-876-9923

Called to order at 07:01pm my Mark F

Attendance: Heather, Eliazara, Kim E (7:21), Bob D, Mark F, Steve D, Tom W, Tom S, Todd, Stephen W (7:09), Andy (7:21)

Absent: Terry K, Dan W, Northern Director #2 position empty

Mark: In Person Meeting February 18th at Geneva Welcome Center from 10-4pm
--December Meeting Notes
--Tom W Motioned to approve
--Tom S 2nd
--all present approved

Tom W: Sub Committee Report—Regions
--Bob, Tom W, Eliazara
--Western, Northern, Southern, NYC—New Regions
--organized based on county borders not by landmarks now
--NYC Region changes to Southeast
--add 1 new director to Southeast/NYC region (Vote Feb)
--changing BOD positions to correspond with new boundaries (vote Feb)
--need to start posting regional Blog posts now
--increase communications with our members
--Tom W motioned to change region lines
--Bob D 2nd motion
--all approved, motion passed

Bob: Scholarship Committee
--NYS resident, 3.0 GPA or better, Environmental or Agricultural related Degree, future educational plans, future goals, experience in beekeeping, NYS College, essay explaining self
-\$1000 single scholarship for fall 2023

Kim: Budget
--Did not meet due to various reasons

Tom S: By-Laws
--did not meet due to various reasons
--will meet in the next week to come and have a report for the February meeting

Mark: Fall Conference Committee

- did not meet due to various reasons
- Kim sent out final numbers to all of us
 - overall loss of \$3,369.79
- Andy talking to Randy Oliver for Fall '23, November 3rd and 4th or Randy's son

Kim: July 15th Summer Picnic

- Andy has lots of building space
- we do not need a tent at Andy's house
- maybe Tony Jadczyk (Maine Bee Inspector) or Jim (Greenlight RNA-I treatment) that Andy knows for speakers
- maybe someone to speak about the newly approved genetic inoculation of bees at either meeting

Kim: February Meeting—In Person

- Geneva Welcome Center
- lunch will be provided, watch for email from Kim to choose lunch choice
- February 18th from 10-4pm

Mark: ABF Conference Follow-up

- he was asked to be part of the honey show after he got there
- conference in general was not impressive, like previous conferences
- had long breaks
- same old speakers, nothing new
- Sam Ramsey was the only option to ask to be a speaker at our conference, but not an option that is available for 2023

Kim: Treasurer's Report

- sent final report from conference to all our emails
 - low participation caused the loss and lack of profit
 - Thank you to Barkman's Honey for the donation
- Fall Conference
 - 1 day with banquet Saturday night, membership meeting in the am
 - 2-day conference with banquet on Friday night (like previous conferences)
 - commercial focus on Friday and Hobbyist focus on Saturday
 - 2 day conference mixed like the previous conferences
 - get into the online/Youtube speakers for conference

Mark: February Meeting

- inviting Mark Berninghausen
- possibly appointing him to 2nd Northern Director position
- talk more at February meeting about this

Kim: Donation '22

- \$1000 to each ABF and AHPA
- Steve W asking us to donate to Pollinator Stewardship Council to help with suing of the EPA
- Mark listened to David Hackenburg at ABF Conference
 - suing for loss of hives due to neonics
 - now to prove the loss was due to neonics instead of cold or mites or wild animal damage
 - also includes pesticide (Roundup) loss and poly_____ chemicals
- LEAD organization formed by Michelle Colopy
 - last time she asked for a monetary donation
- State Region Organization for a donation of \$350 to support lawsuit
 - would also gain our advertising benefit with the Pollinator Stewardship
- Andy Card will be donating \$1000 at least, himself personally, to the fight
- will vote as board at the February meeting
 - Andy will zoom with us due to being in LA until April 1st

Mark: New Business

- February Meeting Agenda
 - created while on meeting call

Mark: Lobbying Day

- Mark has reserved a table (#30) under ESHPA's name
- handing out flyers and 2oz Honey bears with our label on them
- needs table skirt once he gets the correct table size
- needs banner as well
- needs to ask for a double booth instead of a single booth per Steve W recommendation
- 27th Feast of NY in February
- 28th of February Lobby Day with meeting of Farm Bureau with visit with Senate and other legislature reps
- Steve W will be out of the country
- Tom W will go with Mark to the Lobby Days

Tom W motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:27pm

Eliazara 2nd the motion

All approved, meeting adjourned