

02/19/2022 February BOD In-Person Meeting
No Zoom recording
In-Person at Embassy Suites, Syracuse NY

Attendance: Tom S, Dan W, Terry K, Bob D, Tom W, Steve D, Heather D, Kim E, and Mark F

Absent: Ted E (weather storm), Eliazara (prior obligation), Steve W (prior obligation), Todd (vehicle problems, had to turn around), Andy (out of state)

Mark: Called to order at 10:02am

--approve January Minutes

--Tom S motion to approve with corrections

--Dan W seconded the motion

--all approved

--change new business: EAS 50 volunteers needed in total, not from ESHPA

--snacks are recommended but not required

--cost \$250 for Mon/Tues, \$275 Wed/Thurs/Fri, \$350 whole week

Mark: EAS

--Mark proposed to form committee of 3 BOD members to help with setting up

--Tom W motioned to create committee

--Dan 2nd the motion

--all approved

--Mark to Chair plus 3 members

--Tom W, Dan, Bob D, Terry K

***--see volunteer list from Mark of duties

--local clubs can set up a table for advertising and recruitment

--ESHPA will have a table set up as well in the not-for-profit area

--Date: Aug 1-5th 2022

--Mon/Tues will be the short course

--the "how to do" speakers

--Monday—dine-out/greet with EAS and speakers

--Tuesday—Bee Olympics

--Wed thru Fri=conference days--\$275 for the 3 days per person

--required to be a EAS member--\$25 for a family membership

**--get speaker list from Mark

--Wed—Tour of Kutik's with pig roast

--Thur—dinner at night with auction

--Fri—Banquet (extra cost), awards, dinner, ETC

ESHPA organization dues have been pd 02/14/22

--missed the bill due to being sent to the wrong person

ESHPA member meeting to happen at EAS via electronic voting possibly

--printed out sheet at booth table with info to be voted on

--may have meeting during the lunch hour

- eat and work at the same time
- Friday afternoon possible
- option to have hold meeting on a Saturday in June

Auction Donations Options

- Barn Quilt found by Ted E
- Basket of goodies from all over NYS to show the different aspects of the state

- ** Pins to exchange with other beekeepers that state ESHPA on them
- ** Post cards to put in goodie bags and to also mail out ahead of time as reminder notes
 - "ESHPA Welcomes EAS to NYS at Ithaca college"
 - also get Pioneer Seed packets to attach to the cards for the goodie bags
- **Order T-Shirts and Hats to see at the booth

Committee Reports

- Promotions/Outreach (Mark/Bob)
 - cut comb/preparing honey for shows at local clubs
 - Mark presenting
 - Mark is also presenting at the Presidents Roundtable
 - Tom S presented at the Wyoming Cty CCE

--Dan needs "Friend of the Industry" Nominations and "Beekeeper of the Year"

- **send card to Sam Hall's family (prior recipient of BOTY)

- Legislative Committee (Dan/Steve W)
 - Farm Bill Year—Gildebrands office is working on beekeeping research in multi areas over NYS
 - lawsuit won against the 5 foreign countries; price will increase per pound gradually from now on out
 - **--have Dan send me an update on lawsuit working
 - \$1.6 M allotted for NY Farms/Beekeepers
 - Scott McArt's DYCE lab for funding
 - Specialty Crop Committee
 - voting in April at the next meeting (Dan with ABF)
 - Stephen W is getting pledges from Sam's Daughter to apply to the DYCE lab renovation
 - updates have not been done to the lab since 1975
 - larger teaching area, more testing equipment
 - waiting on funds
 - **--add to website a donation link for ESHPA members to help build the DYCE Lab
 - **--add Mark's letter to the minutes from him to the legislation

- **--all need to investigate Solar/Ag Law in Livingston County that includes bees and beekeepers

Kim: Fall Conference

- November 4-5th, 2022
- November 3rd, 2022, BOD in person meeting
- Embassy Suites, Hiawatha BLVD Syracuse NY

Kim: Treasurers Report

- accounts are at Lyon's National Bank
- Checking \$5,239.53 as of 01/31/22
- Savings \$35,851.74 as of 01/31/22
- IRS states that a 501c3 cannot have a total balance of over \$50K
 - we are currently filing a 990N electronic form for free
 - once we go over funds of \$50K we will be charged to file our tax forms
- we need to make a budget for planning expenses vs income
 - recurring expenses
 - group club memberships, insurance, conference, BOD meeting...

Break: 12pm noon

Readjourned at 12:50pm

Mark: NYS Bee Inspector Opening

- looking for western NY Area
- \$19/hr and maxed at 40hrs (including drive time)
- can't have more than 50 personal hives
- Can't sell honey or products of the hive until November every year

- There is a full-time beekeeper opening also available
- \$27-35K per year
- apiary looking for help
- see Mark for more information

** Add NYS Hive Registration Link to our website

- Tom W motioned to add link
- Steve D 2nd motioned
- all approved

Mark: 80/20% issue facing our club

- 80% of the BOD sits back and watches
- 20% of the BOD does the work
- more BOD members need to step up and offer to help with task, not wait until someone comes to them and asks for help

Mark: State Fair:

- ESHPA to provide monitors and tablecloths
- Mark has 1 observation hive, Dan has 1 observation hive

Kim: NYSBA:

- attorney states IRS has messed up our paperwork—listed as NYBA instead of NYSBA
- By-Laws are a skeleton and can be altered when needed to fit the organization
- sister corporation to help ESHPA
- 2 separate BOD's and By-laws
- Funding can and will be shared between the 2 organizations as needed
- create a budget for the organization
- created organization to have the charitable contributions and fundraising opportunities
- legally can spend 20% of yearly income for lobbying but not a penny more

Mark: Nature Center Up North NY

- Hans reached out to Mark about a donation from ESHPA to sponsor an observation hive at the new Nature Center
- Mark is working on getting more information from Hans about the Nature Center
- plaque to hang up at Nature Center to promote ourselves

Mark: Old Business

- need a fixed recording date before voting can happen
 - making elections through survey monkey instead of in person
- fixes quorum problem at membership meetings
- July membership is when new BOD positions are to be posted
- October 1st ish—survey monkey sent out to voting members
- November 1st ish—voting closed
- November 4th voting results presented to membership meeting and new BOD announced along with any other topics that needed to be voted on

State Fair Honey results:

- Rullison's—not to come back in 2022 due to no membership renewal, lack of communications with Kim and Heather, lack of volunteering
- Angel Convey—not to come back due to separation of honey and quality

**Tom S would like to use the zoom link for his new Hives for Heroes beekeeper talks

- is this ok Eliazara
- rest of BOD is ok with it if it can be shared

Veteran's membership in the future

Student membership to be brought back—under 18 and \$10 each

Tom W motioned to adjourn meeting at 3pm

- Kim 2nd the motion
- all approved