

05/11/23 May BOD Meeting
Zoom: 810 2630 3098
Pass: none
Dial In: 646-876-9923

Attendance: Heather Dodds, Eliazara Campbell, Dan Winter, Kim Ess, Mark Berninghausen, Mark Fiegl, Tom Shultz, Tom Wilk, Bob Deemer, Steve Dodds, Stephen Wilson, Andy Card, Todd Smith

Absent: Terry Knoeller

Called to order at 8:02 by Mark F.

Mark F: Presidents Report

--March Minutes

- correct Tom S to Tom W for Lobby Days
- correct Montezuma Winery to Montezuma Audubon Society
- correct Dutchess Cty Speech to July instead of June
- Tom W motioned to approve with corrections
 - Tom S 2nd the motion
 - all approved, motion passed, minutes approved

--April Minutes

- Tom W motioned to approve as written
 - Tom S 2nd motion
 - all approved, motion passed

--Audubon Society presentation went well

--Adirondack Refuge contacted Mark for new bees to replace the ones that have died over the winter

--Mark passed on some contacts for them to reach out to get replacements

--Scott McArt is on a sabbatical to Australia in 2024 to do more of his research

--unsure on if gone for 1 full semester or for 1 full college year

--Presidents Round Table is coming up soon

--new info at next meeting

Stephen W—Ellen from Cornell will be presenting to SABA (South Adirondack Beekeepers Association) on 5/15

--most likely giving the same presentation to them that she will be giving to us in July

Mark: Bob and Mark will be traveling to Betterbee on June 24th to set up a table for ESHPA for part of Betterbee's Field Days

- check out the Betterbee website for RSVP information if interested
- AM field days/hands on activities then free lunch break and then in the afternoon will be guest speakers
- will be serving Honey Vanilla Ice Cream according to Stephen W

Dan: attended a recent EPA/USDA meeting

- Betterbee brought up their discrepancies with beekeepers and their use of the (Wood Bleach) Oxalic Acid from the hardware dept of many stores instead of the approved Api-Bioxal that they sell
 - cause quiet the ruckus at the meeting and has set a bad taste in many beekeeper's mouths about Betterbee
 - Betterbee should have brought this up to the industry and not the meeting
- Dan will be giving a lecture in Canada to the Canadian Parliament to educate them on the concerns of the bee industry and bee health along with ways to help the industry
- there is a new mite in New Guinea, not yet in Australia or in the USA
 - if the new mite does come over seas the bee industry is in trouble and will do downhill fast

Kim: Treasurer's Report

- nothing new for this month
 - no bills have been paid and no income as come in=balance is the same
- PA System
 - system recommended to us cannot add speaker or lapel microphone
 - another option is going to cost us close to \$1200
 - we either go with a different system with 1 speaker and 1 microphone and then purchase a new system down the road that better fits our needs or we purchase the costlier now, upfront, and get the correct one that will fit our needs all in one unit
 - Tom W motioned to buy \$1200 PA System under the 501c3 account to be tax exempt
 - Tom S and Todd S both 2nd the motion
 - all approved, motion passed, Kim will go ahead with purchasing the PA system that fits us better and our needs
- Kim is looking to putting some of our savings into an interest-bearing account to benefit us more instead of just sitting in the bank
 - everyone agreed to start the interest-bearing account
- also, we need a projector and screen
 - Todd S says he has one we can borrow for Summer Picnic for now and then we can look into purchasing one in the future
 - Thank you, Todd!

Eliazara: Summer Picnic information and registration is up on the website

- will be putting the link up on Facebook and sending out mass e-mail in the upcoming week

Kim: Hotel does have rooms blocked off for us for Thursday to Saturday

--must call and reserve before June 21st

--Dinner Friday night for BOD members and guest speakers will be at the Ellicottville Brewing Company

--Kim needs to know who is coming and how many coming as soon as you can

--BOD members pay for themselves and whoever else is coming with them

--BOD pays for guest speakers

Mark: Sunshare Solar Power Institution

--from Albany office-the local office

--main company is in Colorado

--looking for our approval from ESHPA

--looking for beekeepers to place bees around the panel yards

--Stephen W says the hives need to be inside the fenced in area that is around the panels to give us protection from predators and from vandalism

--Bob says the Green-score for the company will go up with bees housed there vs no bees housed there

--**tabled until June meeting**

Mark: Fall Conference

--Committee needs to get together and start planning now so we can announce information at the summer picnic

Heather: State Fair

--waiting to hear more from the Ag fair board

--our spot is reserved though

--looking for honey show update from Mark

--Sign Up Genius will be posted soon

Mark: BOD Positions

--directors are 3 yrs, not 2yrs and they stay for 2 terms

--officers are 2 yrs and they stay for 2 terms

--some of the directors aren't due for re-election until Fall 24

--we need to rethink the term limit for directors...if we don't have someone inline for a position are we extending the position an additional year if the current director agrees to it?? Otherwise we are going to have empty seats next year and fall apart

Birds and Bees Protection Act charging the DEC for researching seed w/o seed coating and the chemical use in seed coating of Neonics

Tom W motioned to adjourn meeting at 9:01pm

--Kim E 2nd the motioned

--all approved, meeting adjourned