

**HOLLAND AREA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 14, 2019**  
**Location: GVSU Meijer Campus, Holland, Michigan**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rhoades, Von Tom, Winkel, Dykema

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Miller, Schaffer, Walsh-Allis

**PROXY VOTE PROVIDED BY:** Miller via email

**OPENING / WELCOME GUESTS**

Professor Tony Thompson our GVSU Faculty Sponsor; club members Bubba Beaudreux and Dennis Bales also attended.

**REPORTS**

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Dykema/second by Winkel to approve the November minutes with corrections provided by Rhoades; Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rhoades summarized the financials that were forwarded via email and highlighted the December revenue included sign-ups for the banquet and December expenses were for the tote bags for bee school; the t-shirts given to volunteers at the December meeting; and Rhoades stated the HABA domain name has been paid through 2022. Motion by Dykema/ second by Winkel to approve the November and December 2018 financials; Motion passed.

**HABA Fundraising:** no activity

**Website/Facebook:** Walsh-Allis provided a written summary via email, which included the Google Analytics. The summary also included website trends over time and an overview of the current website development initiatives. Rhoades summarized the HABA Facebook activity. Rhoades shared with the board a request from member Don Lam about the possibility of being a "paid" advertiser on the HABA website; board members indicated that more research would be needed, specifically a review of the current by-laws and exploration of other non-profit bee clubs to see if and/or how they handle similar situations.

**OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

January 19, 2019 – Rhoades provided a status update on the banquet. We have 40 people registered. Rhoades asked board members to arrive at 5:30 pm to help with set-up. Dale and Cathy Dykema will oversee set-up for the teacup auction. The Rick and Shelly Arnold will take the lead on the 50/50 raffle and Judy Rhoades will handle registration. Board member elections – we only have Barry Miller on the ballot for a member at large position; nominations will be sought on the night of the banquet.

February 16, 2019 – Rhoades indicated that we have 10 participants (as of 1/14/2019). GVSU security will open the facility at 7:30 am. There are 8 confirmed vendors; Rhoades would like Barry Miller to assist the vendors and handle coffee pick up with Bigby. VonTom said she would handle the continental breakfast and afternoon snacks. Rhoades is working on the possibility of having a food truck set up in the parking lot. Tony Thompson will be encouraging GVSU Bee Club members to attend. The board discussed the possibility of offering full and/or partial scholarships for GVSU Students using the \$200 donation given to HABA. Tony will share this opportunity at the next GVSU Bee Counsel meeting to determine the student demand; this information will be sent to the HABA Board by February 4, 2019 at which time the board will decide on full or subsidized bee school registrations for GVSU Bee Club students. Buddy suggested

certificates of completion be given to each person attending bee school as added value. Board members supported this suggestion.

Rhoades reviewed the draft slides for the day; including a review of the slides for the three breakout sessions – Installing Bees; Bee Equipment; and Early Management and Record Keeping.

**Earth Day 2019** – VonTom has received the registration information for Earth Day Fair in Grand Haven. The cost for a booth is \$15.00 and VonTom said she would take the lead and set up a HABA booth; motion by Dykema; second by Winkel for HABA to have a booth at the event on April 27, 2019. Motion passed.

**NEXT MEETING – February 4, 2019** – this will be a final review of bee school material.

**ADJOURN** – the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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