

HOLLAND AREA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes February 4, 2019

Members Present: Rhoades, VonTom, Winkel, Dykema, Thompson
Proxy: Miller

Rhoades called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Rhoades stated that Winkel agreed to continue on the board until April.

REPORTS

Secretary's Report: Members reviewed and approval the January 2019 minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Members reviewed and approval the financials for January 2019

HABA Fundraising: Information available on treasurer's report.

Website/Facebook – report sent via email by Webmaster.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Rhoades summarized the HABA banquet as part of the treasurer's report. Rhoades and VonTom both felt the food quality was poor as compared to previous years'.

NEW BUSINESS:

February 16, 2019 – Bee School at GVSU – sessions & coordination; GVSU student registrations will be sent by Thompson to Rhoades by February 9, 2019.

HABA Board Status/Options – Rhoades explained the requirements involved in maintaining the 501c3 non-profit status including the requirements to keep records and completing the Federal 990 form that needs to be filed each year. Under Michigan law, the minimum number of officers is three; since HABA has had a difficult time finding officers we could consider modifying our by-laws to reduce the number of officers; we could also consider formal dissolution of the 501c3 status through a vote of the membership. For 2019, HABA is set with federal filing so members did not feel any rush to action. VonTom asked if we could get more input from previous board members who made the decision to become a 501c3 organization and the reason and/or motivation for becoming a non-profit. Rhoades stated that he and Jamie were the primary officers who pushed for the status; one of the benefits is the individual protection from litigation. Rhoades also stated that he had been in contact with Joel Lantz from the MBA regarding the insurance coverage for HABA under the MBA – Rhoades requested copies of the underwriting documents from Lantz. Rhoades stated that he does not intend to remain on the board after his term is complete. Members discussed that we could revisit the call for officers at Bee School and during the spring meetings when attendance is higher and members might be more motivated to volunteer.

Members did not fully discuss the two actions outlined below – this information was proposed by HABA member and current Webmaster and will be an item on the next board meeting agenda.

1. Formation of a Program Committee, inviting specific individuals in the club to consider serving on that committee, and asking those individuals for additional recommendations for committee members. The purpose of the committee will be to explore programming options for club meetings through the year as well as field day activities, and;
2. Conduct an email survey to collect updated information on the needs and interests of those in the beekeeping community with regards to programming.

HABA Club Meeting Dates

April 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm at GVSU – Speaker will be Chuck Bauer who will be presenting information on early spring hive management.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 3:00 PM at Panera Bread - 1099 S Beacon Blvd, Grand Haven, MI 49417 – VonTom noted that Monday's do not work for Board Member Miller and suggested the board consider scheduling board meeting dates on days that work for all members.

ADJOURNMENT 7:20 pm

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