

**HOLLAND AREA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 10, 2018**  
**Location: GVSU Faculty Conference Room, Holland, Michigan**

Rhoades called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Members Present: Rhoades, Schaffer, Von Tom, Dykema, Winkel  
Members Absent: Miller (proxy vote granted to Secretary VonTom)  
Also present was Walsh-Allis

**REPORTS**

**Secretary's Report:** motion by Dykema, second by Rhoades to approve the July Board Minutes. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** motion by Dykema, second by Winkel to approve financial statements for July and August that were forwarded via email and copies provided at the meeting. Rhoades informed members that the LARA filing was completed on line. Motion approved.

**HABA Fundraising:** refer to the financial statement for a summary of the inventory on hand. Still no volunteer to oversee the HABA merchandise. The wax fundraiser is not going well and will be ended due to lack of participation. The Gormley's donated a 4 frame extractor to HABA. A recommendation was made to first see if CareerLine Tech Center could use it with their students; if not then the extractor will be posted for sale via Craig's List and Facebook Marketplace for minimum of \$350 with proceeds going to HABA; then last option would be to use the item as a live auction item for the HABA banquet. Motion by Dykema, second by Winkel; motion approved.

**OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Monthly HABA Meeting for 2018; will now be moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at GVSU, Holland Campus.
2. Topics & Speakers  
September 18 at GVSU – Winterizing – Von Tom will facilitate the Panel Discussion.  
October 16 at GVSU – Careerline Tech Center – Tony McCaul & Students. Rhoades requested board approval to give HABA T-shirts to the students and Tony. Motion by Dykema; second by Schaffer. Motion approved.  
November 20 at GVSU – Cathy & Dale Dykema – Cuban Beekeeping Tour  
December 18 – at GVSU - Holiday Party – CareerLine Tech Center Chef & Students will present on cooking with honey. Students will serve as judges for the recipe contest. Rhoades requested board approval to give HABA T-shirts to the students and chef. Motion by Dykema; second by Schaffer. Motion approved.  
January 19, 2019 – Trestle Stop reserved; need nominations for beekeeper of the year; also need nominations for board members for next year (Schaffer, Dykema and Winkel will not be returning); board members discussed possible speakers. It was suggested to ask Anne Marie to speak and give a photo tour of her travels to various key bee locations.  
February 16, 2019 – Bee School at GVSU. Rhoades has requested Tony Thompson to attend as the faculty advisor so we will have access to the facility. Board members discussed the format; topics for breakout sessions - Installing Bees; Bee Equipment; Early Management; Record Keeping; and Q&A with HABA Team. There was also discussion on adding a session about Queen Rearing.

Members identified keynote speaker – Steve Tillman (In the Beekeepers Workshop). Rhoades will make contact.

3. Erin and Jeri presented the concept of forming an interest group of members who are interested in working together to produce queens; all board members present approved of the idea and it will be presented at the September HABA meeting to members. This will be a participant-driven group so no format has been defined yet. Erin & Jeri will lead the group once members are identified.
4. Holland District Library digital subscription to American Bee Journal and Bee Culture. Motion by Dykema; second by Schaffer to approve. Motion approved. Information on how to access the digital subscription will be distributed at bee school.
5. Bee School expense – motion by Dykema; second by Schaffer to approve the purchase of 60 HABA totes at a cost of \$5.55 each to be given to bee school attendees. Motion approved.
6. Communications
  - a. HABA History Committee – Dick Winkel shared his ideas for gathering historical information on HABA to build a “Family Tree” with information on current and past board members, major milestones and accomplishments for HABA. Winkel indicated that a few people have shown interest and he will continue to pursue this project throughout the year and have a framework on which to build.
  - b. Website /Webmaster Report – Walsh-Allis reported on the number of subscribers to the newsletter; she also summarized the cleanup process that was completed in the spring regarding subscribers; a handout was distributed that shows an analysis of subscribers by county; and an overview of the percentage of engagement the MailChimp system is able to report. She also is looking for suggestions/feedback on how best to redistribute the “Beekeeping Basics” information on the HABA website.
  - c. Configuring the website for adapting to smartphones; this will be reconsidered at a future date; board members in attendance each using different smartphones were all able to access and view the site without any issues.
  - d. Facebook – Rhoades reported the number of likes are up to 338

**NEXT BOARD MEETING** – will be on Monday, November 12, 2018 at GVSU.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.