

04/20/23 April BOD Meeting

Zoom: 810 2630 3098

No passcode

Dial In: 646-876-9923

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

Absent: Heather Dodds (prior ob-work)

Called to order at 7:03pm by Mark F.

Mark: Presidents report

- March minutes approval on hold until May meeting
- Scott McArt has received Tenure and will remain with Cornell now and continue to help the beekeepers
- Mark presenting at the Audubon Society on the 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - handing out our seed packets to attendees

Kim: Treasurers report

- see statements in email and print out for records
- Checking \$3,954.14
- Savings \$27,869.30
  - Kim will be transferring funds from the NYSBA account to the ESPHA Savings account this week to bring it back to \$30K
- all bills have been paid as of 03/31/23 including the chairs, tables and BBQ luncheon for Summer Picnic
  - the Porte Jon still needs to be paid
  - Pilate Graphics is the company who created the floor banners for our displays

Mark: EAS

- Tom has contacted Mark and asked if ESPHA would be interested in a non-profit table at the Conference this year
- all agreed its not beneficial to us and everyone denied the table set up
- EAS will be in Amherst Massachusetts this year in July

Bob: Scholarship Update

- Cornell University has denied posting the financial opportunity for its students
  - its not something they do they told Bob
  - there is a long process to post Bob found out and has passed on the opportunity due to our deadline approaching
  - Mark is forwarding the Scholarship Application to Scott McArt to pass on to his interns and other beekeeping interested student that he comes into contact with per Stephen W suggestion

- possibly reaching out to CCE and FFA to pass on to college students for fall expenses
- no applicants yet as of 03/31/23
- Eliazara sending out to our membership in an email blast
- deadline for applications is May 31<sup>st</sup>
- Bob has sent the application to all BOD members and all members can pass on to colleges of their choice and to their local CCE and FFA organizations

Mark: Summer Picnic

- emailing schedule to everyone—it its not set in stone and can be changed if needed
- Andy reaching out to people in WNY Bee Club to get more ideas for session topic for the work schedule in the PM
  - What do beekeepers want to really learn about or learn more about?
  - Who has friends who went to HiveLife and can help with input and ideas?
- Tom S—suggested adding afternoon session choices to the registration form so we know exactly who wants to go to what sessions to see if we need to drop or create another time slot for a specific topic
- Tom W—add beekeeping calendar session for Fall conference since it is too late to add to summer picnic sessions
  - when to feed/when to treat/when to split and so forth
- Eliazara needs info on John Gibbs to post to the website from the speaker questionnaire that we haven't gotten back yet

Kim: PA System

- Stephen W sent out an email about a great recommendation from his friend who is highly experienced in meetings and speaker/microphone combos
  - BOSE S1 Performance Kit for indoor/outdoor use with a microphone that has a wind guard built in
    - 6hr charge for use, Bluetooth capabilities, battery with pack, microphone and stand with 1 speaker, can order more speakers and batteries if chosen
    - on sale for \$749
    - need to speakers for an outdoor setting, at least per Todd's recommendation
    - Eliazara motioned to buy the complete system with extra speakers
    - Tom S motioned to \$1000 max on whole unit including extras
    - all voting is being put on hold until May's meeting so everyone can look over the info Stephen sent along with itemized cost

Mark: New business

- Fall conference team needs to come together and start planning so we can announce at Summer Picnic

- State Fair Planning

  - what do we need to restock up on?

  - what do we need to buy new?

  - Sign-ups?

- BOD Elections are coming up

  - new positions that need to be filled and current positions up for renewal

Tom W motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:52pm

- Eliazara 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

- all approved, motion passed