

06/08/23 June BOD Meeting
Zoom: 810 2630 3098
Passcode: same as zoom ID
Dial In: 646-876-9923

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

Absent: Mark Berninghausen (local club meeting), Stephen Dodds (connection issue), Tom Wilk

Called to order at 8:06pm by Mark F.

Mark: Presidents Report

- May Minutes
 - Eliazara motioned to approve as written
 - Tom S 2nd motion
 - all approved, motion passed
- Rhinebeck meeting was in June, not July
 - meeting went well, had a good time
 - not a good interest in attending our club picnic due to location
- Presidents Roundtable
 - about 12 presidents on call
 - mentioned picnic to all to pass on to clubs
- Catskill Beekeeping Club
 - Bill Powell nominated for district representative

Kim: Treasurers Report

- Checking \$4,000 roughly
- Savings \$31,000 roughly
- will transfer money from NYSBA account to cover picnic expenses and state fair expenses
- still have not found a good interest-bearing account to transfer money in to
 - tabled until next meeting
- still researching PA system
 - BOSE is most expensive/best unit but not equipped with all the items we want/need

Stephen W: Senate passed/in favor of Birds and Bees Protection Act—18:56 votes.

- NY prohibits the use of Neonics to be applied to seed coats, effective January 2027, if Gov approves the law
 - fish, people, and pollinators are all effected by the Neonics
 - found in recent research
- Stephen says for us to send a letter to Gov Hochul to state our support of banning the use of Neonics

--Assembly passed law as well as Senate, but the wording is different in both areas

--Dan Richel is working hard on this topic and fixing the wording to make both parties happy before it gets passed to the Gov.

--Dan Richel is from the NRDC (Natural Resource Defense Council) and he works on all environmental issues, not just pollination and crops

--Yes, we as a group should support and write a letter as a BOD

--motioned to write letter of support for signing of the Birds and Bees Protection Act by the Gov

--motion made by Dan

--2nd by Eliazara

--9 approved, 1 opposed—motion passed

--Scott McArt is leaving in July, not January for his sabbatical in Australia

--he can still be reached by email, just not phone

Mark: Summer Picnic

--Eliazara sending out email blast this weekend, as well as social media blast

--possibly newspaper article ad in the Country Folks West

--possibly Instagram post

--Andy has a lady, Chelsea_____, who is coming to the picnic

--he also would like to set aside 15 minutes for her to talk about pesticide use and bees if possible

--Solar Panel Sites

--need to have fence around the bees and the panels for protection from animals and people

--no pesticide uses at all in the area

--keeping the land in agriculture status is important

--Fall Conference

--Bee Vaccine Speaker—Mark contacting

--Tammy Horn Potter—Mark contacting

--Ellen Topizhofer about EFB

--Megan Milgraff from Michigan

--Bob Deemers Marketing person from Barkman's Honey

--Other speakers from Andy that he knows

Heather/Mark: State Fair

--Mark has updated the Honey show rules and regulations

--Mark has ordered the ribbons for the awards

--yes, there will be a show this year, just waiting on the state fair board to update the webpage to attach to the events page on our website

--Kim is sending in Workers Comp Exemption paperwork to NYS WC

- once it is approved and sent back it will be sent to the state fair board with our contract
- once WC form is received back it will be sent in to the Dept of Health for our approval to hand out samples
- committee will be meeting next week to plan some more

Tom S motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:44pm
Eliazara 2nd motion
All approved, motion passed.

Next Meeting will be In-person in Ellicottville at the Summer Picnic