

HOWARD COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

AGENDA: 18 APRIL 2017

This meeting of the HCBA BOD was started by President Clif Darby at 7:05 PM at the Miller Branch Library in Ellicott City, Maryland.

I. Attendees

1. Clif Darby, President
2. Dave Dobbs, Vice President
3. Valerie Wampler, Interim Treasurer
4. Tina Glorioso, Secretary
5. Sue Probst, Newsletter Editor
6. Brenda Klaunberg, Director
7. Jason Ellis, Board Member/Director
8. Tom Wilson, Board Member
9. Phillip Krista, Committee Chair
10. Gracelena Ignacio - Webmaster

II. BOD and Special Committee Reports

1. President's Report: Clif Darby

a. Vacant positions:

- i. Treasurer - Valerie Wampler; by unanimous vote from the HCBA membership at the 11 April meeting
- ii. Web Masters – Clif has appointed Gracelena Ignacio and Gene Machado
 - a. Update the current site as best as possible; create a new site using a new and better tool if needed. Strive for intuitive, easy to navigate and use. We'd like to stand up the new site as soon as it is possible to do so.
 - i. Includes the update and maintenance of our Facebook page.

b. Short Course Recap

- i. Ambassador Pizza night? TBD
 - ii. Dave has requested an after action report on the short course: number attendees, speakers, cost of items purchased, brought in from donations, etc. Will need to work with Tina, Valerie and Danielle to do this. No date for completion, but would be good info to have.
 - iii. No frame building was demonstrated on last night of the course; need to include next time.
 - a. Wiring, beetles, build boxes, extracting photos, top bar hive
 - iv. Survey monkey feedback after – need to design the survey; Brenda K. volunteered to craft the survey. Tina can send using the email list.
- c. Date and location for fall One Day Seminar; Clif to call Robinson to set the date (07 October if available)

2. Vice President's Report: David Dobbs

- a. Speaker Update – May: Making meade, June: Alan Hayes gadgets, Chris for Honey extraction, Sept Sen Bates for legislation; Oct Nov tbd

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3. Treasurer's Report: Clif Darby and Valerie Wampler: Valerie is going to update; 2 tax needs and registration. Sales tax return Valerie needs time to go over info.
 - a. Need to get a PO box – Valerie to set up
4. Secretary's Report: Tina Glorioso
 - a. March Supplemental meeting minutes; Dave motioned to approve, Tom seconded. Minutes approved for posting
 - b. "Event Coordinator"; Tina and Brenda will coordinate; Brenda will send list of what she has; need to compile a list so we have dates to anticipate outreach events
 - c. Extraction picnic Tina to send a note to club
 - i. Accommodate up to 100 people; place for 2 grills, 60 cars; Shaded areas; area for 10x10 extraction tent or screened porch.
 - ii. Possible dates July 15 or 22 noon - 6 or so
5. Newsletter: Sue Probst – Next edition is due in July;
 - a. Draft email from Sue to Tina to solicit articles for newsletter
6. State Beekeeper's Report: Brenda Klaunberg
 - a. Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) requires a prescription for medically important antibiotics, some that are used in beekeeping such as Terramycin; details and 'rules' are forthcoming.
 - b. Maryland Bear laws. MD State now recognizes honey bees as live stock, which means that you can shoot a bear if it attacks your hives and not be prosecuted by Maryland DNR.
 - c. The Bee MD beta has launched from U of Delaware
7. Out-yard Liaison Report: Phil Krista
 - a. John Frank has HoCo farm museum may be interested in having bees.
 - b. Possible Laurel and Fulton connection for beekeeper and available space.
 - c. Clarksville area
 - d. Tina asked Phil to consolidate list of outyards, who is running them, requests, etc for the Google drive
8. Club equipment: Phil Krista
 - a. Phil is now handing out a paper that lists the dos and don'ts. Please review and provide input to Phil. Send input to Tina and she will send consolidated feedback to Phil.
 - b. 1 is not food safe; one is.
9. Yahoo Group Update: Phil Serafinas
 - a. Sentinel Hive – We paid \$1K for 2 sentinel hives; Erik had to pay \$249 for sentinel hives;
 - b. No supplies arrived for original 2 sentinel hives.
 - c. Jason motioned to reimburse Erik; Tina seconded. Unanimous approval
 - d. Jason is going to call Karen Rennich to find out a) what happened to original sentinel hive supplies and b) why was Erik billed.
10. Refreshment Table and Equipment Update: Danielle Spendiff
11. Website update: Gracelena

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- a. Brief review shows that update of have to update info; navigation is confusing, needs to be cleaned up and made more clear / clean looking
 - i. Dave motioned that we create a new site to start over, then shut the old one down. Jason seconded; Unanimous approval.
- b. Social Media; Facebook not linked on; regular updates and a calendar

III. Old Business

1. Lapel Pins

- a. Purpose is to provide inexpensive pins, similar to the Bee Ambassador pins, to give away to children during outreach events.
- b. Current metal pins cost us \$1.26 each and are made of metal. At the March supplemental meeting, the BOD agreed that a give away is a great way to promote our club and beekeeping. The BOD also agreed that we do not want to use the current Ambassador pins because they have an intrinsic value to our members for service they have done.
- c. Tina will research alternate, less expensive options for the pins.

2. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Colony Establishment **Move to next meeting**

- a. Part of our HCBA purpose is to make charitable distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, providing that those distributions are for the promotion or education of beekeeping.
- b. At the March Supplemental meeting, the question was raised as to whether HCBA should provide a one-time donation for a package of bees to OLPH as they are a school and this can be an outreach project. In addition, we would provide a mentor to assist OLPH get started.

c. Dave Dobbs took the action item to help us to understand what OLPH has /needs for beekeeping, their plan and their timeline – this year to start? Or next year?

3. Outreach Programs – Places with which we have written agreements

- a. Mt Pleasant and Robinson Nature Center are the 2 places HCBA has written agreements to have bees onsite; we need to have adequate budget for these locations for future needs
- b. The president of HCBA is to support Robinson Nature Center; we need to have an observation hive up and running this year. Jason will continue to support and will be the main point of contact for Robinson.**
 - i. Valerie to check on the hive 04/19 Wednesday;

c. Mt. Pleasant (Howard Co. Conservancy) needs 2 packages of bees; Jason Ellis has them on hold.

- i. We do not have budget for this unless we increase the budget by \$186 Need to pay Jason Hough \$186 for Woodcamp Farm.
- ii. At the last meeting, Jeff proposed, Tom seconded; unanimous approval; motion passed, to increase budget and provide 2 packages to Mt. Pleasant.

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- d. Regarding providing one time or other financial support to places, such as OLPH, Dave proposed this be reviewed case by case – HCBA BOD pick and choose with an annual budget in place to ‘award’ Move to next meeting
 - i. HCBA to provide mentors, etc.
 - ii. What do we get in return?
 - e. Decision to be voted upon.
4. Sentinel Hives – Cliff and Phil
- a. Reimbursement of Erik for \$249 fee. Delay on decision to approve reimbursement for Erik AFTER Jason contacts Karen to see if we can get Erik reimbursed by the Sentinel program.
5. Uncapping Tank Purchase – Delayed to next BOD meeting
- a. At the March Supplemental meeting, the condition of the extractor equipment and possible purchase needs was discussed. The topic was delayed to allow the BOD members the opportunity to check the current equipment, as it is recommended that 3 extractors need to be repaired or replaced; club has a total of 5 extractors.
 - i. It was suggested that HCBA does not need to supply capping tanks.
 - ii. It was suggested that HCBA members who use the extractors should pay if they damage it.
 - b. If BOD decides to purchase, budget must be established.
6. Lifetime memberships and gifts for exceptional support to HCBA
- a. At March Supplemental meeting, it was suggested that we determine the requirements for Lifetime memberships and gifts for exceptional support of HCBA.
 - b. HCBA has already provided lifetime membership to specific individuals that have provided significant support to our organization, Wayne Esaias, Allen Hayes, as well as one of the founders and Roger Fissora. Should we continue this benefit to include others? If so, what should the criteria be?
 - c. BOD Decision: No criteria, only BOD approval for exceptional sustained service to HCBA.
- IV. New Business
- 1. Outreach events ‘go kit’ and give aways (Tina)
 - a. Give Aways – for children and adults alike; small items to keep HCBA and beekeeping in mind. Sue is creating a few designs for BOD to review.
 - i. Current: HCBA Bookmarks, Club brochure; HCBA event flyers; info sign up sheets.
 - ii. Proposed: pins (see Old Business item 1) and buttons
 - a. 1000 buttons for price of 500 (volume discount; 30 cents each compared to 60 cents each)
 - b. Go Kit: Easy to transport ‘kit’ that assists with drawing visitors and creates an informative and engaging outreach event. We have several items that can be but together. Clif and Tina to organize this for future outreach event use
 - i. Bee Suit, gloves, smoker, brood box with frames (empty, drawn and with honey?)

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- ii. Brushy Mtn offers 'teaching aides'
- V. Next meeting; June 20th 7 PM at Miller Library
- VI. Meeting closed by Cliff at 8:45 PM



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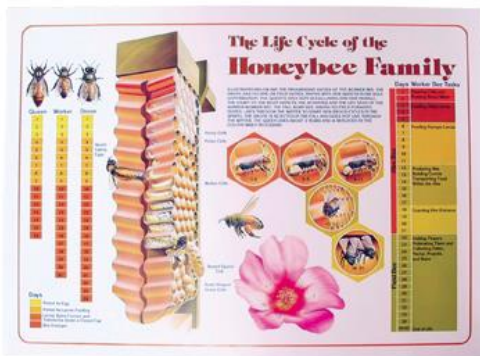


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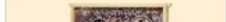
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