

WNY Honey Producers Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date 9-24-2008
East Aurora Fish & Game Club
East Aurora, NY 14052

Present:

President – Steve Mead
Treasurer – Lew Tandy
Thom Roach – 2009
Bob Davis – 2009
Larry Cobado – 2010
Ed Patton – 2011
Past President – Bob Brachmann
Corky Deland – alternate
Gary Piatek – alternate

Excused:

Vice President – Geri Hens
Secretary – Fred Thompson
Mike Potoczak – 2010
Dale Carlson – 2011

7:10 pm - Call to order – Steve Mead

Old Business:

Larry Cobado had distributed minutes from previous meeting electronically after the last meeting. No changes were requested.

Lew Tandy distributed the Treasurer's Report as of 9-24-08. Summary – we take in about as much as we spend per year, now that we have added the \$449.00 annual insurance expense we might want to consider raising dues from \$10.00 to \$15.00 – this issue was tabled after a brief discussion, no motion was made, no vote was taken.

WNYHPA Statement of Accounts as of 9/24/08

	Current Balance	Interest Rate	Interest Earned
WNYHPA Checking Acct	1624.62	0	0
Floyd Wiggler Checking	5624.16	0.15	7.72 YTD
Floyd Wiggler savings	4554.73	1.5	77.2
Floyd Wiggler Vanguard	18,210.39	117.13	as of 6/30/08 - Share value has dropped from 135.15 on 12/31/07 to
Total	<u><u>\$30,013.90</u></u>		

Lew Tandy requested the fiscal year of the organization be revised from August 1st to January 1st in order to make filings easier. According to our by-laws this change requires a three time notification of the membership and then a vote can be taken. The majority present agreed and this proposal will be announced for the first time at our fall meeting.

Motion: made by Thom Roach, seconded by Bob Brachmann to accept the treasurers report as submitted. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Lew Tandy volunteered to serve as a committee of one to research the Life Members of the organization to determine their current status and report back to the board with his findings. A discussion of the need for purification of all membership and dues status followed.

Motion: made by Bob Brachmann, seconded by Gary Piatek to accept Lew's offer to contact life members, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Motion: made by Bob Brachmann, seconded by Bob Davis to charge Fred Thompson with the task of sending postcards to all members who have not paid their 2008 dues that this is their final notice to pay in order to remain members in good standing. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Motion: made by Bob Davis, seconded by Ed Patton to change the fiscal year to January 1st from August 1st, per procedure established in our by-laws. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

According to our by laws the requirement for changing the fiscal year will have to be announced at two consecutive meetings and voted on, even though we are not yet officially incorporated, after some discussion it was decided by the group that we will follow this rule.

Ed Patton discussed our incorporation status. We are incorporated; however we still need to file our Articles of Incorporation with director's signatures, by-laws and a few other pieces of information with the New York State Attorney General. A working session followed. Larry Cobado recorded the information needed on blank forms provided by our attorney, Stacey Vogel. These forms will be returned to her for approval and filing. This is a work in progress.

Lew Tandy reported that we have a Tax ID number that the IRS does not recognize. He has been recommended to continue to use this tax Id number until our corporate status is finalized. If we get a new number at that time we will switch to that number.

Ed Patton reported that our 501C3 status can only be applied for after our Articles of Incorporation have been filed and signed copy received from the NYS Attorney General.

New Business:

August 3-7, 2009 the EAS Conference Holiday Valley in Ellicottville, NY. Steve mead and Bob Brachmann met with Kim Flottum to discuss WNYHPA's participation opportunities. An offer from Andy Card to host a dinner/tour/cookout for 250 people during the week of the conference was discussed. The proceeds from this event would benefit WNYHPA. A discussion followed.

Motion: made by Tom Roach, seconded by Larry Cobado to pursue the offer of WNHPA coordinating the proposed dinner by Andy Card. All Opposed, one in favor – Motion Denied.

Motion: made by Bob Brachmann, seconded by Corky Deland, to appoint a committee to investigate appropriate participation in the EAS Conference by WNYHPA and for those on the committee to participate in the scheduled EASBoard Meeting at Holiday Valley at 4pm on October 18th. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Next Meeting:

Our Fall Meeting will be held on December 13th, 2008 at the church in East Aurora. Bob Brachmann advised the board that morning meetings have greater attendance than evening pot luck dinners.

Discussion followed that the membership has expressed an interest in Advanced Intermediate level Seminars. The potential for extending the Beginner Seminar, normally scheduled for May/June to include an afternoon Advanced session was considered.

Motion: made by Bob Brachmann, seconded by Gary Piatek to invite Geoff Wilson to attend our December 13th meeting as our speaker. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Motion: made by Thom Roach, seconded by Corky Deland for Bob to negotiate payment of an honorarium not to exceed \$300.00 to Geoff for his participation at our December 12th meeting. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Bills:

Motion: made by Corky Deland, seconded by Bob Davis that we pay Bob Brachmann and Gary Piatek's bills (receipts submitted to Lew Tandy) for the research progress. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Surprises:

Ed Patton submitted his resignation from the board. Much discussion about the appreciation for his years of service to the organization followed. Ed committed to continue to serve in an advisory capacity for the purposes of completing our Articles of Incorporation that he has been working on. His resignation was respectfully accepted by all.

Motion: to adjourn by Steve mead, seconded by Thom Roach. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:25pm.