

Western New York Honey Producers Association Meeting called to order at 6:43 P.M. by Thom Roach.

Present at the meeting:

Larry Cobado, Lewis Tandy, Thom Roach, Fred Thompson, Steve Mead, Bob Brachman, and Jennifer Baglio.

Motion was made by Bob Brachman to approve the minutes of May 9, 2011, as written. Fred Thompson seconded the motion. So carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Financial Report for the month of June 2011 (copy attached).

Read to the Board by Lewis Tandy.

5/9/11 balance:	\$ 2,739.83
5/24/11 deposit:	\$ 20.00 (2 memberships)
Payments:	
5/9/11 Thom Roach-copies:	[59.81]
5/9/11 Fred Thompson-copies and postage:	[98.84]
5/21/11 First Presbyterian Church	[50.00]
5/24/11 Erie County Parks	[60.00]
6/11/11 Alleghany Coop. Insurance	[445.25]

6/20/11 BALANCE \$ 2,045.93

Motion was made by Larry Cobado and seconded by Fred Thompson to accept the financial report as read. So carried.

Old business:

Thom Roach expressed the need for one complete and accurate list of members since he has several lists, but noticed that people are missing. Lewis Tandy will put everybody back in alphabetical order and resend the lists.

New business:

Thom has been working on the proposed schedule for the rest of 2011 and 2012. He has put together thoughts for the 2012 workshop. He was thinking of a two-part workshop where we would have the in-class teaching for part one along with a break for lunch, and part two in the spring out in the field.

Thom said we have a very diverse group of people in our club. Some are commercial beekeepers and some do not even have bees. It would be nice to be able to expose the members to actually seeing how things work. With that in mind, Thom said he would like to be able to visit two yards in the spring and, because the commercial beekeepers are missing out on a day's pay because of taking up part of their day, would like to be able to pay them something, such as \$300.00. Thom further said he would like to go to one yard for the beginner beekeepers and a second for the more advanced. A concern was raised as to liability, but Lewis explained that we have a policy that covers us for Erie County.

A motion was made by Larry that we will offer an amount up to \$300.00, total not to exceed the income collected from participants on that day, as compensation or honorarium to hold a workshop at beekeepers apiary. Seconded by Steve Mead. So carried.

The date of the WNYHPA picnic is August 6, 2011, at Akron Town Park, 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M., and the speaker is Roy Hendrickson. Thom completed a form, and a motion was made by Bob Brachman for the treasurer to pay Roy Hendrickson up to \$300.00 as speaker for this event. Seconded by Steve Mead. So Carried.

Spring workshop – Larry agreed that he would handle a large portion of the beginning workshop. We then revisited the time slots for the spring workshop and the beginner workshop. Thom asked for feedback as to dates. We discussed the possibility of January 14, 21 or 28. Fred suggested going with an earlier date in case of inclement weather and the need for rescheduling. We discussed a possible number and decided 75 would be a reasonable number. With the insurance restriction of Erie County, we need to call insurance to make sure the insurance would cover any commercial beekeeper establishment within the club. Bob Brachman offered May 26, 2012, as a day for the “field trip” at his site. Perhaps Gary Piatek would be available to offer another date, perhaps May 19, 2012, at his facility so we could do a beginner and advanced field trip. Thom said he would be open for suggestions as to ideas for the workshop, besides what he already put in the idea packet. If we start at 9:00 A.M., Larry can cover his area of the workshop, we can break for a lunch covered by the cost of the workshop, and the rest of the day will be filled with 30 or 40-minute sections. Some ideas were “where to have the hive,” “kinds of bees,” “life cycle of bees,” “life cycle of varroa mites,” catalogs, and equipment.

We reviewed the dates for the speakers and reviewed the calendars of upcoming dates and events. Abass Adum will be coming for the meeting in September and will discuss home remedies and honey plants in our area. Allison Van Alt will be coming in October and will discuss applying medications and queen rearing. Thom tentatively has anaphylactic shock as the subject for November and the potluck Christmas party for December.

Thom raised the issue of what we are going to do about people who don't come to the board meetings. The Constitution says you are off the board if you miss half of the meetings. There are a number of people who have expressed an interest so Thom is going to place direct calls to people to find out the intentions of “missing” board members. That should be the best approach to get people on the board who really want to be on the board.

Bob Brachman made a motion that there be a link on our website for the approved monthly minutes. Larry seconded the motion. So Carried.

Jennifer will inquire with Bob Davis how we can get the minutes online.

We discussed the accounts-checking, passbook savings, mutual fund.

Lewis says we have one form that we submit once per year to the government saying we have less than \$25,000.00.

Thom said it would be a nice idea to purchase land to be able to keep hives on for the sake of teaching about bees. Bob Brachman said we cannot use the Wigler mutual fund since that money is specifically for "research." Larry advised that the gun club where he is a member bought land years back and it's a real headache, and that we would probably want to avoid that purchase.

Thom would like to bring the topic of setting up hives somewhere for "field trips" to the next meeting.

Bob made a motion that Thom make up 100 posters to bring for distribution to the summer picnic in August regarding the beginner workshop. Motion seconded by Steve Mead. So carried. The poster will say to contact Fred Thompson to sign up. It also will say we will accept the first 100 paid registrations. We discussed the amount to charge and thought \$75 or \$80 would be very reasonable.

The question was raised as to the WNYHPA supplying the meat/drinks for the summer picnic? Lewis made a motion that the club pays for the hamburgers/hot dogs/plates/utensils/beverages for the summer picnic in August. A poll was made and it passed unanimously.

Thom asked about holding meetings over the summer because we have a lot to do to plan for upcoming speakers and the winter workshop. Fred made a motion to have the next Board Meeting on September 19, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. at the East Aurora Gun Club. Motion seconded by Lewis. So carried.

Meeting adjourned upon motion by Bob Brachman and seconded by Lewis Tandy, and so carried, at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Baglio, 9/19/11