

## OCBA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, December 10, 2017

Cynthia Speed

Our 4<sup>th</sup> executive committee meeting for the year was held in the Hillsborough Library conference room. John Rintoul, Walter Starks, Mark Powers, Mary Leonhardi, Cynthia Speed, Chris Apple, David Eckert, Randall Austin, Ryan Chamberlain and Lisa Vogel attended.

Since \$2,500.00 was donated to NCSU apiculture program in 2017, another \$2,500.00 will be donated in January 2018. It was agreed that we would donate an additional \$500.00 in 2017.

The speaker fee of \$50.00 has been paid to Hannah Levenson and Joe Milone, Kaira Wagoner, and Esmaeil Amiri will be paid for making their presentations.

An audit of the budget as requested by Mary hasn't occurred. John said that it would be appropriate to perform one now as the new officers take over. He will ask Jim Evans who had earlier agreed to do it. Mary distributed copies of the Budget. The total of \$19,561.89 includes fees coming in now for Bee School 2018, but does not include any of the associated expenses. Chris requested enough extra funds to cover purchase of a folding table and copying expenses. Outreach funds were increased to \$350.00. Club Hives/Equipment was reduced to \$500.00 from \$1,000.00. Mary will review the liability insurance policy with the Farm Bureau to confirm that it is not associated with Walter's membership. The 2018 budget, with corrections and adjustments, was approved unanimously.

A decision was made to re-order the monthly membership meeting as follows: begin with a 15 minute social period with refreshments, open the meeting with quick announcements, speaker presentation, business meeting following the speaker, followed by door prize raffle at the end. The refreshments volunteer clipboard will be circulated in January and the signups will run from February through January 2019. Lisa and Mary graciously volunteers to bring refreshments in January 2018.

John and Cynthia will work together to determine if applying for the NCSBA Golden Achievement Program Award would be feasible for 2017 and begin planning GAP for 2018.

The possibility of promoting local honey through a page on the OCBA website will be discussed with the membership to see if there is interest and a willing coordinator to set it up much like the Swarm Patrol is now.

Extractor requests in 2018 will be handled by Brad Kosiba. Members have requested a smaller extractor for extracting fewer frames and David Bailey of Bailey's Bees donated a two frame tangential extractor to the club.

The second "art hive" box will be tricked out like the first one as a second teaching hive in the event that the other one is in use. Instead of purchased frames with hive pictures, we will use "real" pictures that will be taken, enlarged, laminated, and mounted into frames.

John will post an email to Google Groups asking members to re-gift bee-related articles, in their possession that they don't want, to OCBA as donations to serve as meeting door prizes.

John distributed new OCBA business cards to the board members present. Each card has a tiny form on the back to write in contact info i.e. Beekeeper name, email, phone, and other.

Mark scheduled dates for executive committee meetings during 2018. They will be held on March 11, June 10, Sept 9 and Dec 9 at 2:00 pm. Meetings will be held in the Meeting Room at the Orange County Public Library unless otherwise specified.

Randall revealed that the NCSBA 2018 Summer meeting will be held at Blue Ridge Community College in Flat Rock on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of July.

Randall will canvass members to determine if there is an interest in a Master Study Group. He invited everyone to think of workshops to offer the membership and gave as an example a "group varroa check" exercise.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.