

Minutes of August 9, 2019 CSBA BOD meeting

3:05 PM called to order

In attendance – Ed Colby, Tina Sebastian, Bob Boggio, Rebecca Sunderlin, David Baker, Joe Komperda

Minutes from June meeting read and accepted.

Treasurer's report Highlights of mailed report read and accepted

Winter meeting pricing – Much discussion, motion to keep the same made then withdrawn following discussion of fiscal responsibility to not continue to lose money each meeting. Tina suggested raising to \$40, Joe moves to keep prices the same, Ed suggests \$30 as a compromise, Joe withdraws the motion. Possibility to raise by \$5 discussed. Concern with losing attendance if price increases. Price has not raised in a long time and a small increase might be acceptable. Bob to get more information on overall dues income versus cost of meeting not covered by admission. More consideration by the board to follow with final price of admission this winter to be set by email discussion.

Swarm Hotline – Joe: on new webpage system this year. Some discontent expressed by one club over lack of swarm calls in June. Discussion of new clubs subdividing areas once served by only one club, inability to control or predict weather and swarms in any given area, some dispatchers not picking up the phone for calls, and other variables.

Ed to reach out to dispatchers to see how they perceived the success of the new system; suggestions for improvement, responsibilities of dispatchers to answer and the variables mentioned above, particularly the new clubs sharing city areas for retrieval impacting number of calls received.

Concern expressed by some dispatchers re: personal info (phone #) with the present system-suggestion moving forward: have the webpage give the grasshopper extension number to the caller rather than the phone number, saving the long list of extensions originally on Spybees.

Pesticide advisory Committee update – Kristina not present

Summer Meeting 2020 meeting date set for June 13; Ed needed to confirm to book the event hall.



Welcome letter – How to get to new members. Mailchimp originally had a free feature to connect to PayPal to auto send a letter when dues was paid, this is no longer available. Discussion once again about status of membership roster being inadequate and non-board members' access to personal information (specifically Patty Imber, communications officer and not an official board member but an appointed assistant to help keep the membership roster updated, who at this point cannot do so because of this concern) and how an assistant to the board might be allowed that access. According to the rules and bylaws, a club can have a member attend a meeting at any time and that would clear up the concern one board member was having about sharing personal information with a non-board member, and we might go forward with Patty helping to maintain a more accurate membership roster. Joe Komperda has a database project that will help in the clarification of current membership. Rebecca will forward this year's membership info to Tina and Joe.

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Scholarship or Grant - At the June meeting, a question about the club providing a scholarship or grant for the furtherance of beekeeping in Colorado was brought up. As a board we decided to discuss the matter and bring our recommendation to the membership at the Winter Meeting. The board decided to recommend that this should be presented back to the membership to develop into a committee with an appointed chairperson, to explore options and present a recommendation back to the board with considerations for: grant or scholarship, how to solicit and evaluate applications, how to fund, how much it would be, etc.

Ed will get with Beth Conrey and Rhonda Koski to head this up so that we can use them as point people when presented to the membership at the Winter Meeting.

Microscopes for the clubs – A question was brought up at the June meeting about whether or not CSBA is providing microscopes to individual clubs. David moves that the requesting club pays half and CSBA pays half, up to \$150. Joe seconds, Ed asks for discussion, Vote is unanimous. Ray Story / Highland club wants one.

Ed will announce at the winter meeting.

The extra day for the Winter Meeting will offer the opportunity for more activities on Friday afternoon; emails will flesh out what that might look like as we offer thoughts and possibilities, Joe had some interesting “hands on” ideas that he will share, possible meeting of the club presidents, etc. Tina has a contact that is willing to host the Meet and Greet, will get contact info to Rebecca.

State Fair in Pueblo - Pueblo Bee Club asked if CSBA would be able to fund a concession stand for the State Fair to allow sales of honey which this year will not be allowed at the information table. Rebecca will find more details of cost and the board will discuss feasibility for 2020, since 2019 is only 2 weeks away.

Motion to adjourn – 4:22 PM