

# Mid-York Beekeepers Association

## Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2018

Minutes adopted on 10/09/2018

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### Opening

The regular meeting of the Mid-York Beekeepers Association was called to order at 7:23pm on 9/11/2018 in Cornell Extension Center, Oriskany NY by Dwayne Schieferstine

### Attendance

Regular Club Meeting; no roll call/attendance taken.

### Approval of Minutes

No minutes available for approval.

### Guest Speaker

#### Mary Snyder of Farm Service Agency (315) 736-3316

Mary discussed the benefits and requirements of the Risk Management Programs currently being offered. ELAP – No cost to enroll. This is a program for damaged hives due to weather related incidents NAP -- \$250/year (no limit on # of hives). This is a program for honey production losses (similar to crop insurance).

Mary also discussed additional loan options through the agency with low interest rates for beekeepers called Marketing (commodity) Loans, and Farm Storage Loans.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report was unavailable.

### Membership Report

Membership Report was unavailable.

### Old Business/Open Issues

Bill Crowell Memorial – the tree planting needs to be completed. Waiting for Ray to finalize plant purchase/planting. Concerns were expressed about planting the tree at this time of year. Club may need to wait until the Spring of 2019 to plant tree.

Ken Boice presented information/findings from the EAS conference he attended.

Lynette Kay of 4-H Department expressed concerns about keeping bees active at the Center for school field trips during the months of May and June. Dwayne indicated that the club was unsuccessful at keeping the observation hive and outside hive active. Need to consider a thorough cleanout and burning of old frames, and start completely new in order to keep the hives active for the school field trips.

By-Laws template was sent to the Board of Directors for review. By-Laws are to be reviewed, approved and presented to the club no later than the scheduled December 11, 2018 meeting.

The following are the terms of office to be served on the Board of Directors:

Ole Pettersen	1-year term	12/31/2019	Mark Peters	4-year term	12/31/2022
Larry Giglio	2-year term	12/31/2020	Joe Marcinkowski	5-year term	12/31/2023
Ken Boyce	3-year term	12/31/2021	Linda Walters	Alternate	

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Elections for the vacating Board of Director position will be held during the month of December during the regular club meeting.

Facebook needs to be updated. Dwayne will contact Steve Burton for password of the site in order to update and maintain site.

Yahoo group password needs to be updated and made current.

### **New Business**

Home Show at Turning Stone February 8, 9 and 10, 2019. 4-H Department needs volunteers for this free event. Volunteers can sell their honey at the show. Need volunteers to attend booth tables and help with answering questions regarding beekeeping. List of volunteers needed by January 2019 meeting.

Schedule meeting room usage for 2019. Dates need to be submitted by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Dwayne to contact Linda Wimmer (315) 736-3394 with meeting dates.

Herb and Flower Fest 2019 – Will be held on Saturday 6/15/2019 At Cornell Ext. Center.

Mandatory Registration Law Proposal – Discussion was lengthy on what the proposed law requires, how it affects beekeepers, plus how ESHP and the commercial beekeepers are involved. Discussion included that the club may want to look into having representation at the ESHP meetings.

**MOTION:** Bob Faulkner motioned to start a communication dialog with all NYS Beekeeper Clubs concerning the Mandatory Registration Law Proposal as well as beekeeping health issues. Second by Mark Peters.

Motion was tabled for discussion at the October 9, 2018 regular meeting.

Bob Faulkner will gather contact information on all NYS Beekeeper clubs.

Educating members on hive inspections –Pat Bono of the Bee Wellness program may have classes for hive inspection. Need to enroll several Mid-York Club members for hive inspection education.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm by Dwayne. The next general meeting will be at 7:30pm on October 9, 2018, in Cornell Extension Center, Oriskany, NY.

Minutes submitted by: Carol Lasicki