

Brighton Bee Club Board of Directors Meeting
February 28, 2023 – 6:30 PM via Zoom Teleconference

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order @ 6:31 p.m.

Attended: Dave Swanson, Shari King and Gary Mullins in attendance

Absent: Dan McConnell, Shanna Massier, Becki McConnell, Dominique McKee

2. Officer's Reports

- a. Approval of Minutes-January 28, 2023 (no quorum)
- b. Review of Treasurer's Report (Dan McConnell absent)

3. New Business

- a. Membership Meeting Calendar (March, April, May)
Shari will not be able to arrive at meeting at 5:30 p.m. on 3/8. Shanna will be out of town. Dan and Becki McConnell and Gary Mullins plan to be there for setup/greeting at 5:30 p.m. Hopefully Becki can help with sign-ins and name tags until Shari can get there. Shari will send contact information for Jose who opens the doors to everyone on the BOD.
- b. Roberts Rules Simplified Draft Discussion
It was discussed that the BOD should be familiar with this document. The information is primarily for the board members to prevent meetings from getting off track, however it would be good to have copies at the meetings if anyone would like them. Could be posted on the Brightonbee.club site vs. handing out to all members at meetings.
- c. General Meeting Agenda Discussion
 - i. Non-member speakers will continue to be scheduled at the beginning of meetings so they don't have to sit through the business portion of the meeting prior to giving their presentation.
 - ii. Member speakers are currently being scheduled at the end of the meeting, but the board may consider moving them to the beginning of the meeting as well. This topic was tabled for discussion at the next board meeting.
 - iii. Presentations should be part of the meeting vs. after adjournment. In order that members get the greatest benefit from future presentations, they should be held separate and during the meeting so that Zoom participants can also partake. Presentation time should be somewhat limited. If there are many questions, maybe postpone some questions until after the meeting is adjourned.
 - iv. Q&A/Tips & Tricks should continue to be a standard feature on future agendas. Gary Mullins suggested that the Q&A topic might be brought up by a member who might bring up something they heard, saw, read about so that members can chime in with their two cents. Due to the limited number of board members in attendance, this topic was tabled for the next board meeting.

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d. Use of the Club Hives

- i. Club hives are located at Berry Patch Farms. Dave said he has been managing the hives (inspections, treatments, etc.) since he also has hives in the area. He has also typically harvested the honey and jarred and labeled it for sale by Berry Patch Farms. Berry Patch Farms reimburses the club.
- ii. Dave said in the past it has been difficult to organize educational activities around the club hives. Scheduling has been difficult due to weather, etc.
- iii. There is at least enough woodenware at Berry Patch Farms for at least four complete hives. Current status is unknown. Dave said he has not seen a lot of bees flying, but it's been too cold to dig too deep in the hives. Shari volunteered to assist Dave whenever he plans to inspect the hives next and assist with baselining the status and determining if new packages will need to be installed. He said Stan Jones has also been a good helper as far as woodenware repairs, painting, etc.
- iv. Gary Mullins suggested identifying a chairperson who would head a committee of volunteer members to manage the club hives.
- v. It was also discussed that board members could volunteer on a rotating basis to visit the hives prior to each meeting and report the status to the Chairperson who would report that to the membership.
- vi. Potential educational opportunities would be installations, splits, mite checks, etc.
- vii. This topic was also tabled for the next board meeting.

4. Old Business

a. Membership Drive

Becki McConnell and Dominique McKee were absent. Reviewed current member list. Shari reported that Dominique was planning to reach out to several members this weekend. It was discussed whether the board should be recruiting members. Gary Mullins suggested that calls to past members should focus on checking in with beekeepers about their successes or struggles from the previous year, feedback about how the bee club is or is not meeting their needs, as well as how we could improve when making calls to past members about renewing their membership. Gary's position is that the Members at Large should be the liaisons of the club to the members.

b. Audit status

Report to be presented to Board at the April 4, 2023?

Becki McConnell and Dominique McKee were not in attendance. It was discussed that there are not that many transactions annually and that maybe the process should revert to the board members. If Dan McConnell or Dan Rau could make a printout of all transactions available to all board members ASAP, we could interact with questions prior to or after the member meeting on 3/8 to finalize our findings.

5. Adjournment @ 7:30 p.m.