

BRIGHTON BEE CLUB MINUTES FOR JUNE 14, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm, by President, Dan Rau

A quorum is present.

Becki M. presented Dave Swanson and Dan Rau with plaques thanking them for all they have done for the BBC. A special card was also presented to Alex Duran(absent) and Gary Mullins for their work within the club.

Guest speaker was Miles McGaughey, from Boulder Bee Club. Miles showed pictures and talked about drawing pollinators to the Marshall Fire burn scar area in Superior, CO. Miles and a landscaper for the area drilled holes into the dead trees and placed tubes with mason bees into them provided by Tom Thiebold. After three weeks, 80% of the tubes had live bees in them to assist with pollinating the area. The presentation was very informative and liked by the members.

A motion was made by James Larkin and seconded by Becki McConnell to accept the minutes for the May 10 General Meeting. The motion carried with 1 opposing vote.

Treasurer's report was presented by Dan McConnell. The club is currently in the positive. Dan explained the problems trying to get new checks for the club, and is working to refund club members for any checks that had stop payment charges by the bank due to the BB bank error.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dan R. introduced the new board members from the May Special Election. Stan Jones is the new Sgt. At Arms, and Diane McKnight is the new member at large #2.

The club wants to thank the volunteers that assisted with the Brighton Fest on June 3, 2023. It was raining most of the day so the crowds were down significantly.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gillian York is selling T shirts and other articles with the BBC logo on them. She is contributing a donation from the sales to the BBC.

We now have 2 vacancies on the BOD, Vice President and Secretary. Both terms end in 2024. An explanation of the bylaws was presented to the club and discussion was held. The club decided to hold a Special Election in July for the 2 positions. Dan Rau appointed Gary Mullins as Election committee, assisted by Becki McConnell Nominations for the election will close on July 12. A ballot will be sent by email and the voting will go from July 13-17 at 11:59 pm. The results will be announced on July 18.

Dan R. asked for a volunteer to take over the mentoring program and Jason Pardikes volunteered after discussion regarding the program.

The BOD voted to begin funding the Martin R. Rowe Education Fund. Martin was a very active, well-known member of the BBS, and passed unexpectedly in September 2020. The BBC will donate \$1,000 immediately to start the fund, and donate \$500 every January thereafter. Anyone is allowed to donate. The fund will be used for further education opportunities and continuing education. James Larkin was appointed as chairperson of the Education Fund Committee.

Dan R. stated that a Document Committee is necessary to assist in making changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. Gary Mullins will be in charge and James Larkin will assist.

With no further discussion, meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm

Becki McConnell, Secretary Pro Tem