

Brazos Valley Beekeepers Association

Meeting Minutes

Date: Oct 20, 2015

Location: First Christian Church of Bryan/College Station, 900 S Ennis St., Bryan, Texas 77803

Attendance: 34 Total (19 members / 15 guests)

Board Meeting:

Chris Barnes, Garland Martine, Steve Payne & Sandra Smith

1) Monthly Minutes: Emailed to members.

2) Treasurer's Report: Report unavailable at Board Meeting.

Bee school income: \$5,448.00

Expenses: 2,495.59

Total Profit: \$2,952.41

3) Youth Program: *Break-away from Brenham next year. Chris Barnes would like to start classes for 2016 in Aug/Sept. All board members were in favor.*

4) Nominating Committee: Chris Barnes announced members of the nominating committee: Alvin Dean, Carrie Foltermann & Ben Tedrick. All board members were in favor.

5) Website for all Texas bee clubs: Chris Barnes recommended our club pay for the total cost of the website, which is just a little over \$200.00 for a 3-yr contract. It is hopefully the TBA will eventually take over the responsibility and future expense. Garland Martine made a motion to begin the website and Steve Paine seconded the motion. It passed with unanimous vote.

PROGRAM: There was no program as Christ Barnes, President, wanted to hold an open discussion about the bee school and find out what we did right / what we could improve on for next year.

Regular Meeting:

President Chris Barnes called the meeting to order.

Visitors & members introduced themselves.

Chris Barnes opened the meeting with overview of the bee school. He encouraged an open discussion of what went right and what we could improve on for the fall bee school next year.

Some recommendations were:

- 1) A survey should be sent to all attendees, members and speakers.
- 2) Not to have the same person leading hive inspections that is working the school.
- 3) Walk-ups for lunch
- 4) Spreading the word locally – looking into using yard signs.
- 5) Youth program to have a youth booth.

Youth Program: Chris Barnes recommended our youth program begin with the school year in August 2016 for the next youth group. They would have seven (7) months of academics and get their bees in March.

Bee Talk: Chris suggested that everyone check their hives for food.

Submitted: Sandra Smith

5) By-Law Proposal: Chris Barnes explained the necessary changes to the current Constitution and By-Laws of the Brazos Valley Beekeepers Association for the new position of Youth Director.

Article IV – Officers & Board of Directors

Section 1 Officers. The amendment would read:

The Officers of the club shall consist of seven (7) members: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Youth Program Director and two (2) Member-at-Large positions.

Section 4. Duties of Officers.

e) The Youth Program Director shall be responsible for all of the administrative and educational aspects of a Club youth program as directed by the Board of Directors. This includes, but is not limited to, maintain records of program participants, design of educational program, and implementation of the program.

Section 5. Terms. Each position of the Board of Directors shall serve a term of two (2) years.

b) The positions of Vice-President, Treasurer & Youth Program Director shall be elected in “odd numbered” years.

c) No person may serve in the position of Treasurer for more than a single consecutive term. For all other Officer positions, no person may serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms except for the position of Youth Program Director (with unanimous approval of the Board of Directors).

Article V – Club Year, Annual Meeting & Elections

Section 3. Elections.

b) e) This section would be deleted entirely.

Larry Newlin made the motion to accept and it was seconded by Steve Payne. The club will vote next month on the proposed changes.

c) Bee School: Volunteers will be needed to work the fall school. A signup sheet will be passed around.

6) Bee Swap: Members are encouraged to bring bee items they wish to sell/swap. This will take place after the meeting has been adjourned.

Submitted:
Saundra Smith