**Walton County Beekeepers Association**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Date: Tuesday, September 25, 2018**

**Time: 7 – 9 p.m.**

**Location: Panera Bread Company, Loganville**

**Purpose: Board of Directors Meeting**

**Attendees: All Board Members – Susan Boss, Howard Pittman, Billy Wages, Linda Rivers, Larry Compton, Carl Bishop, Scott Clark, Ann Langley**

Autumn Festival

Susan asked whether or not we should set up a booth at the Loganville Autumn Fest on October 20. If so, then we would need volunteers to man the booth. Scott and Carl offered to volunteer at the booth.

We could ask Michelle Alderman to put together a brochure with club information to hand out at the booth. Susan would take the brochure to Office Max to have 100 copies made.

Speakers for Association Meetings

Possible speakers could be Barnyard Bees, Mary Cahill Roberts, Gail Zorn, State Inspector, Steve Page, Brutz English (honey judging), and Will Dix. Ask Michelle Alderman if she could arrange a line-up of speakers for the year.

Georgia Beekeepers Association

Scott will be going to the GBA fall conference to represent the club. He will ask GBA how many clubs hold a 501(c) 3.

Also, ask Michelle if she would take pictures of our association meetings to send to the GBA.

Beekeeping Workshop

Susan suggested that Saturday, January 19 would be a good day to hold the workshop. The Walton EMC location is still under renovation. We could possibly use the Walton Ag Center for a cost of $300.

Jennifer Berry would be a possible workshop speaker. Alternatively, we could use a variety of speakers from within the association. We would need to nail-down speakers and topic by December 10, 2018.

We would need to advertise the event by December 10, 2018. The Market Bulletin provides free advertising.

Great Harvest Bread Company would provide food for $7 per person.

School Involvement

The club should send a letter to schools to say we’re available to teach beekeeping. Interested groups would be FFA – middle-high school – 4-H. We would consider whether or not schools require us to have a background check before beekeepers enter the school premises to teach beekeeping.

501(c) 3

Ann wants the help of an attorney or CPA to help set up a non-profit. The EZ Form costs $200 to file for income less than $50,000 each year and $20 to renew each year.

The question was asked as to whether or not there’s a benefit for setting up the association as a 501(c) 3. Scott offered to research the answer to this question when he attends the GBA fall conference. He will find out how many clubs are non-profit.

Ann asked permission from the Board to spend $300 to file for non-profit status. No Motion was made at this time. She would explore the complete cost of filing including the annual cost of a CPA.

Association Mentorship Program

Is it a good idea to implement the mentorship program 30 minutes prior to the monthly association meetings? This would give new beekeepers an opportunity to ask one-on-one questions.

Hospitality Committee

Scott offered to help with the Hospitality Committee.

Absent Members

Ann offered to call members who haven’t attended the meetings in a while.

Door Prizes

We need to recruit two people from the general membership to be in charge of door prizes. Susan will call Donna to see if she would be willing to fill this spot. Door prizes cost $25-30 per month.

Center Hill Baptist Church

A thank you card and check for $250 needs to be given to the church in January for allowing us to use their facility for our meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Rivers, Secretary