Central Maryland Beekeepers Association

*Date | time* 02/15/2022 7:00 pm | *Meeting called to order by* Chris H. at 7:05 pm

# In Attendance

Carly & Bryan, Kitty, Steve M, Lynne , Regina, Chris, Jude

# Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January minutes were not discussed.

# Legislative Committee

Current legislative Bill in the MD General Assembly is HB570. The bill looks at banning chemicals with PFOS from entering the state.

# State Fair

The State Fair this year will be 3 weekends. Thursday 5p - 9 pm, Fri, Sat, Sun 10 a - 9 pm and Labor Day 10a - 9 pm

Need to coordinate number of people per shift with change in date/times

Extracting exhibit not planned for unless someone would like to volunteer. To be held in the back room.

Lloyd will try to ask for space used for the tractor rides.

Same set up as last year

Ask other Bee clubs to help.

# Treasurer

Budgets will be discussed during the March Board Meeting.

Rough budget for FY 22 :

Speakers $2,500

Legislative $1,500, used for education materials for the MD General Assembly bills.

Grant - $2,000 - later in the meeting Steve M updated his amount needed to $5,000

Jude suggests a sub-committee to oversee the Grant distribution process and review applications for Grants and a time-line for submitting and approving

Note: there will be a place on the new website for members interested in grants to obtain information and print out forms. Further Grant discussions will occur during the next Board meeting.

Fidelity account currently has $70,000

Checking account balance is $20,000

Board will need to discuss in future meetings ways to spend down in order to remain in “not for profit” status

Suggestions include: helping young people learn about bees and beekeeping, giving members breaks

Bookkeeping is now very accurate, 2021 books had to be re-done.

FY 2022 bookkeeping is starting fresh

2021 Taxes have been paid and forms filed

If club should reach over $50K in sales, additional taxes will have to be paid/filed

Website rebuild is costing a lot of money

# Nuc Sale

70 nucs left for sale. 10 nucs are held for the nuc yard and 50 are held for Mark

Lynne is posting on CMBA FB page and Maryland Beekeepers Exchange.

On the CMBA Website, the 1st Tab is “Shop”. Visitors can purchase nucs, memberships and sign up for the Short Course

10 people have signed up to Take the Short Course

# Membership

Per Kitty the cut off to renew membership is March, although people can sign up any time of the year.

Kitty to send out reminder emails for renewal to existing members. Memberships are not prorated. Kitty will remind members during the upcoming meeting and a link will be available in the Zoom chat that will take members to the website to renew.

# Library

Library doesn’t have a budget however, Regina did purchase a book for the club.

Library budget in the past was $500

Regina will look for additional books to purchase in order to update the library

Call to membership on FB page and Newsletter to return books.

# Social / Online

Looking for a person to fill the hospitality Chair. This person will organize events such as the Summer Picnic and End of Year party along with other social events for membership

Offer “Live from the Nuc Yard” recordings on FB page.

# Education

Jude expressed interest in contributing to the Education page of new website

# Website

New website should be up and running by late March

# Next Meeting

March 15, 2022 7 pm, via Zoom

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm