Minutes

Central Maryland Beekeepers Association

*Date | time* 03/21/2022 7:00 pm | *Meeting called to order by* Chris H. at 7:06 pm

# In Attendance

Nicole Y., Karly & Bryan, Bonnie B., Lynne E., Katherine H., Chris H., Steven C, Steve M, Lloyd S.

# Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February minutes were not discussed.

# Research

Steve has requested $2K for a research grant. Board discussed how to find applicants for the $2K grant. Determine the philosophy of the grant at a later date. A graduate student is ideal. Once a candidate is selected, the treasurer will forward the monies directly to the researcher.

# Treasurer

Accountant has encouraged club to donate to non-profit groups. Club to get a non-profit credit card. Nicole will write letter for bank. Currently $28K in checking account. Board has agreed to 2 cards. Aaron Fisher has requested $20K for nucs this year. Club still has 27 nucs are available for sale.

Karly has suggested a $5 per member donation to be given to the inspectors for their support.

Other possible support options include providing mite treatment for members. Approximate cost $6-10K

# Nuc Yard

Bryan stated a $3K Nuc Yard budget requirement for this season.

# Volunteer/ Education

Ag Center is having an Earth Day ion Sunday April 24. will set up a table with Tri-fold (Lloyd will give to Lynne for updates), seed bombs, equipment display, empty comb and capped honey.

Maryland Fair 2022 – 3 weekends, no weekdays except for Labor Day/ CMBA will offer 1st week to club clubs. Extraction Demo will move to other side of the building. No Observation Hive. Lynne suggested having a “Drone Tent”.

# Speakers

Karly stated a $2,400 budget needed for speakers. The average cost of a speaker for Monthly meetings is $100-$200. Vice-President will consult with the Board should a speaker request a higher fee. Dr. Jamie Ellis will speak to the club in February 2023.

# Membership

Over 60 members recently paid yearly dues. Most are renewals. Bonnie will send out updated membership list to Board members.

Short Course – No issues. 14 people have signed up for the course.

# Social / Online

Website is coming along nicely. $1,200 bill for website redesign. Mobile site looks great and works. Julie has sent some designs for review. CMBA is now part of Google Workspace for Non-Profits which includes free emails Minutes will go into Google Drive.

# Newsletter

Lloyd stated a $500 budget needed for the newsletter. This includes monies for postage, toner and paper. 5-6 members currently receive hard copy newsletter. Lloyd believes that number will increase with new memberships.

# Next Meeting

April 18, 2022 7 pm, via Zoom

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm