

First order of business:

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Attendees:

Regina Andrew
Chad Cover
Steve MdDaniel
Angie McDaniel
Rebecca Dufendach
Keith Lucas
Nate Anderson
Nathan Reid
Bonnie Raindrop
Bonny Wright
Luke Goembel
Jean Hessenhauer
Ashley Glenn
Lynne Ellis
Mary Gamper
Lisa Hudson

Ratifying Last Month's Minutes:

TBD: sound issues mean that some info may have been lost. Secretary will be sending out the minutes for review

Budget Report

Fidelity Investments \$10,000 is the money *Project Apis m* returned to us from last year
So, actual Total net profit was about \$3,763 (not \$13,763, as reflected on the treasurer's report

Current budget goal is to responsibly spend that money next year, and to add in charitable works for next year.

Nuc Sale Opinions/Questions:

Mary asks:

In previous years, the nuc sale made much more money, is there work being done to lower expenses on our part so we can increase our sales/profits of nucs next year?

Answer:

We don't have a committee working on that yet, but we're open to working no that

Lynne Asks:

Did we give money back to those who bought nucs at high prices before the price was lowered?

Answer:

We offered a refund to everyone who bought nucs at the high price,

and gave to those who wished for it. Only a few did, the rest indicated that They wished for the difference to act as a donation

Luke Asks

Were there less complaints about the quality of nucs with the current supplier?

Answer:

In regards to profits indicating feelings, last year sold more, which could indicate more positive feelings.

We didn't do a questionnaire about them last year, but there were a few nucs that didn't work out this year. We can move to another supplier if necessary.

Regina Asks:

Should the purchase of nucs be budgeted as a livestock expense?

Answer:

We'll figure out how to do that

Chad Proposes:

Perhaps we could offer a free nuc for those who help make the nuc sale happen

Bonnie asks:

Is it true that one variable about the nut sale is that we were the only club doing it for a number of years, and lately more clubs have gotten into the business of selling nucs?

Answer:

We haven't seen that other clubs are selling nucs

Question:

Do we worry about cutting into the sale of local suppliers?

Answer:

With local suppliers not always being reliable in getting you a nuc before the flow, and with our prices being a bit higher, it isn't something we are as worried about.

Bonny Wright Asks:

What is the supplier charging next year? Have they given a price yet?

Answer:

We adjusted the \$155 we paid this year for inflation, and assumed that nucs would be about \$160. Our supplier has indicated as much as well, though we don't have it in writing yet.

Lynne comments:

Woodcamp bees is a nice supplier

Chad comment:

Maybe we should alter our coupon services

Regina motions that we table the nuc sale topic for now, Board agrees

We plan to have our accounts audited next year to help get things in order.

Website improvements to add the library into the website

Chad proposes:

potentially not having speakers at all our meetings, so we can do other community focused engagement activities.

Chad proposes:

a per diem for people in our club who would like to go talk to other groups/clubs on our behalf. This would be perhaps \$50 a talk, and would help our education outreach.

Regina asks:

if we need to budget for our non-profit status renewal

Answer:

No, it's free to file with who we need to file to.

Bonny Wright asks:

So, Stripe fee is on top of credit card charge 3%ish? Any interest charges on credit balances?

Answer:

There were 2 late fees, \$39 each

And about \$40 dollars in interest charged

Storage fee row added to library section to reflect expenses at the AG center.

A manager fee is proposed to incentivise a person who would take responsibility for taking care of the Nuc Yard.

Paying this person could raise issues with us being a volunteer organization

Vote for keeping this payment:

Yays: 7

Nays: 1

Abstain: 2

Yays have it.

Do we want to keep our T-shirt design? Or make a new one? Perhaps have a design contest?

We could go through the process of re-ordering our current design, or we could make one or more new designs.

T-shirts might be saleable at the fair as well.

Annual picnic

People prefer catered events to pot-lucks

Perhaps a small \$10 family charge to help cover costs without being unreasonable

EAS (Eastern Apicultural Society)

David Morris asked for our help funding the EAS as they are asking other clubs in the area as well. \$500 sponsors one refreshment break

Regina made a motion to sponsor EAS in the amount of \$2,500.00. Steve moved to amend Regina's motion to provide \$500 Nate A seconds

Yays have it.

The \$10000 dollar returned donation

An accountant will be consulted to help fix this item in our books.

Bonny Wright Asks:

Why weren't those funds, once returned to the club, placed back into the money-earning Fidelity account?

Answer:

We needed some liquidity to pay for expenses, so keeping it out made sense at the time. It could be reinvested

A motion was made to put 50% of the \$10000 back into fidelity, and keep 50% out as liquid.

The motion Passed

The budget was approved by majority vote.

Newsletter Report:

Content for the Dec newsletter deadline: 11/25/23

President's Report

New Business:

Any candidates running in the election should submit ~200 word bios for the newsletter by the 25th

Members not in good standing should be offered the chance to pay their dues at the door.

A motion was made to make the following registrar for the election to verify membership, count the votes, and officiate over such:

David Papke
Jean H
Keith L

Holiday Potluck Dinner:

Should be fairly inexpensive, focus on finger food, drinks, and dessert, but open to any submissions. Tea and coffee provided.

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.