

BBA BOARD MEETING (Followed our general meeting of 7/12/15.)

Board Selection by the members was had.

The five nominations: First for office of pres.

Ivan nominated Harry for president, Dara nominated Dan. Both were now nominated. Harry seconded the nomination of Dan for president.

There was a board vote in secret ballot because both Dan and Harry had been selected
Dan has won.

VP appointment. Harry nominated by Dan. Dara seconds it.

Closing of nominations and Harry is nominated and appointed VP.

Treasurer. Dara nominates Leo. Declined. Dara nominates Ivan. Ivan accepts.

Secretary. Harry nominated Dara. Dara accepts.

Communications Secretary. Dara nominated Leo. Declined.

Steve reads the duties of the COMM Secy. Processing inquiries from public. Apiary communications and public relations. Leo nominates Harry. Dara seconds it and Harry accepts.

Leo says we need to nominate a Florida district rep. Leo is also Rep of the BBA to district 6 of the FSBA.

Harry nominated Leo and Dan seconds it. Leo accepts. Leo is appointed as the district rep.

Apiary committee: Dan suggests leaving it with John R. and Jim Y. overseeing it now.

Ratify it that these two are the managers of the apiary. Ratified.

Membership dues are the next topic:

Ivan wants to talk about business and the first order is "dues. "

We put out a survey to our members and the responses were never really distributed in full by John Herring.

Dan N said that several months ago this subject of dues was brought up and what to do is still unresolved. Dan does not have the information from Mr. Herring as to what the results are and since Herring left the topic has been dropped. Seems that question is: "should or shouldn't state registration be part of BBA annual dues and shall we also discontinue the shirt and book?"

Leo said he set up the dues amount at \$50 to cover the dues to FL state Beekeepers Association, of \$15, the cost of the t shirt, and money for the banquet He doesn't think there are objections to the \$50 fee. Members disagreed with him on this matter.

Dara K suggested: that taking our group for banquet is not wisely spent and that many members express desire to have a potluck and a better chance to socialize and mingle rather than the confines of the small room at Golden Corral.

Ivan : new beekeepers should be attracted to joining the BBA and low price is attractive to new people. We are smaller than Palm Beach and they only charge \$20 – a low price of their club is drawing some of our members.

Many members do not wear the shirt. Shirt is nice if you want to buy it. Reduce dues by this much and/or let them buy it on their own if you they are interested.

Dan N. agrees.

Julie K: and FSBA with Palm beach was much less and she is vehemently opposed to the BBA \$50 fee annually. She said that their club is more active and they have more offerings - for less cost.

Dan PBBA has 400 members paying and they have a bigger base. Julie K thinks we can do that too.

Dan asks “what should the fees be for dues?”

Ivan: suggested \$20-30. Cost of a venue possible for the apiary? Nest egg. Leaning to 30\$.

Dan: we will lose the apiary, eventually.

Steve: If the annual fee is separated from initiation fee, the recurring annual fee can be less.

Ivan felt the apiary is not something everyone benefits from in the organization. It is a major service. That should be a separate charge.

Harry and Dan agree it should be a separate discussion from dues.

Dan asks for Motion that the annual dues be reduced to \$30.

Book, shirt, and FSBA shall be optional

Dara: makes the Motion for option above.

4 yes, Leo nay. 4-1. Motion passes. \$30 year SHALL be the new dues.

Harry seconds it.

Dan moves to make it retroactive.

Dara seconds the Motion.

All but one board member were in favor.

Dan: Any other business?

Ivan: I would like to see a future “suggestions box” or survey for suggestion anonymously.

Dara makes a motion for the box. All in favor and Ivan builds.

Ivan: I contacted the South Florida bee supply. Idea that we are a buying in bulk if we have enough of the same members SFBS brings materials and no charge to WPB BC. Board says Ivan can organize this issue.

Leo is preparing a course in bee removal (not associated with BBA.) He will be providing a \$25 credit for every participating member.

Julie Krantz – raffle and tickets for sale for fund raising for the organization.

Dan this is good and perhaps swap shops idea for our members. Apitherapy speaker for September. Pot luck idea.

Ivan honey extraction. Dan stated only 3 people borrowed extractor.

Dara K suggested pin-on name tags to be in worn during the meeting and returned to a box at our meetings to keep us identified and remember one another – use a logo with the logo.

Meeting adjourned.