



VSBA Leadership Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2020

Attendees: Martha Kiene (President), Bruce Hamon (1st V-President), Peter Ostrowski (2nd V-President), Ronnie Bolton (Secretary), Ian Henry (Treasurer), Kristine Smith, Rebecca Swanson, John Davis, James Wilson, Tommy Nelson, Karla Eisen, Rick and Pamela Fisher

Meeting was opened utilizing the Zoom platform at 7:05 pm.

Ms Kiene announced that the 2021 Spring meeting in Smithfield, VA has been approved. Date still needs to be chosen.

Scholarship Grant program – Final draft sent to all Executive Committee members. There was no further discussion, Ms Kiene asked for approval to distribute to membership. All were in favor.

Three proposals will be sent out to membership: Scholarship Grant program, Bylaws change to add Master Beekeeper position, and 2-year term change for President and Vice-President positions.

Severing dues from local club dues. After discussion it was decided to leave as is.

Lifetime membership information will also be sent out to membership.

Treasurers Report – Mr Henry was unable to make meeting and forwarded the following information to Ms Kiene: Balance is \$53,656.51. Few expenditures this month. Received \$478 in dues, paid \$4.40 for Wild Apricot, \$41.86 for Longstroth plaque, and \$617.50 for newsletter printing.

Webinar Meeting – In the event that BRCC is still closed this Fall, it might be possible to have a late summer, early fall webinar meeting to provide a learning opportunity for our members. Ms Smith reported that she had played with different software that would allow us to stream through a number of different platforms.

Mr Ostrowski asked for speaker suggestions in the event we are able to hold a fall meeting at BRCC and for the Smithfield meeting as well.

Langstroth Award – Ms Eisen requested details on the Langstroth Award process and members of the committee. Ms Kiene will contact Mr Tignor.

Nominating Committee – Mr Fisher has volunteer to head the committee. Other volunteers to serve on the committee are being sought.

VSBA was contacted by the executor of Ann Harmon's estate. He has books and documents that he would like to donate to the State of Virginia. Dr Wilson has agreed to take them. Depending on the size of the collection, it will be decided if it will go to VA Tech library or just to Dr Wilson's office library. Ms Eisen volunteers to assist with cataloging.

Veteran's Grant Program – Ms Kiene asked what would this program look like. She requested input from any who knew of others that had similar programs. Dr Wilson volunteered to assist.

Newsletter submission deadline 6/25

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Bolton
Secretary