

# RALEIGH COUNTY BEEKEEPERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 16, 2017

**ROLL CALL** – The Raleigh County Beekeepers Cooperative Association met in regular session on Thursday, October 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Munson Hall with the following members present: President, Mark K. Lilly, Vice President, Darius Wills, Treasurer, R. Darrin Butcher and Secretary, Jennifer Colvin.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA /ADJUSTMENTS**

Mark Lilly called the meeting to order and requested approval of the agenda. Mark Lilly made the motion to approve the agenda, Jane Suptic seconded, motion passed unanimously.

## **RECOGNITIONS**

- Mark Lilly recognized Treasurer, R. Darrin Butcher who recently completed Stage I of his Master Beekeeper Certification.

## **COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

- Board Reports - No Board Reports.
- Other Reports
  - Gary Smith, WV Master Naturalist from the Kanawha Valley Chapter provided the beekeepers an overview of the state's Master Naturalist Program. The mission of the program is to train interested people in the fundamentals of natural history, nature interpretation and teaching, and to instill in them an appreciation of the importance of responsible environmental stewardship. The program also provides highly qualified volunteers to assist government agencies, schools, and non-government organizations with research, outdoor recreation development, and environmental education and protection.
  - R. Darrin Butcher reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between RCBCA and Beckley Exhibition Mine 2018.
  - R. Darrin Butcher and Jennifer Colvin reviewed the process of the bylaws and thanked members for their assistance with the project. R. Darrin Butcher completed a full reading of the bylaws.
  - A discussion was led by Mark Lilly regarding the RCBCA hosting the WV Beekeepers Association 2018 Conference.
  - Mark Lilly reviewed the local association requirements for hosting a WVBA Conference with the RCBCA members.
  - A planning committee was developed for the WV Beekeepers Association Spring 2018 Conference.
    - Delbert Bailey
    - Darrin Butcher
    - Jennifer Colvin
    - Lisa Eads
    - Glenn Haga
    - Ritchie Redden
    - Darius Wills
    - Shannon Wills

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – There was no unfinished business to be handled.

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES** – Following the reading of the bylaws, Delbert Bailey made a motion to approve and Tyson Colvin seconded the motion. All members voted and the motion passed unanimously.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

- Approve minutes of the October 19th meeting. R. Darrin Butcher made the motion to approve. Bob Coalson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Future meetings/events:
  - Regular Meeting – Thursday, December 21, 2017 – 6:30PM – RCBOE Central Office - Munson Hall
  - Regular Meeting – Thursday, January 21, 2018 – 6:30PM – RCBOE Central Office - Munson Hall
  - Honey Bee Expo – Saturday, January 27, 2018 – Parkersburg, WV

**NEW BUSINESS** – After review of the 2018 MOU between RCBCA and the Beckley Exhibition Min – Bob Coalson made a motion to approve the agreement and Tyson Colvin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Members discussed the proposal to host the WV Beekeepers 2018 Spring Conference, March 23-24, 2018, Jane Suptic made a motion to host the conference and Glenn Haga seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT** –The meeting adjourned by consensus.

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Mark A. Lilly, President