

26 Aug 2017 VSBA Exec Board Meeting, Fredricksburg Hospitality House,  
Fredricksburg, VA

Present: Rusty, Martha, Bruce, Deb, Keith, Ian

Ann Harmon is a good historical source for VA state information

\*Teaching Consortium meeting reminder; ask them to mention VSBA in curriculum

\$1000 scholarship for entomology departments; mite month products and tools on  
website and available for download/ distro

My notes; ask clubs to not include membership; ask club reps what the clubs would  
like to see from VSBA; how can we help / use Apiarist; speaker slate for Nov  
meeting. Have regional rep meeting – all hands at Nov meeting.

Committees of one is an issue. Legislative (President), Nominating, Master  
Beekeeping (VP), Meeting, Regional Reps (should they be a committee?),  
Education?, Veterans?

Nov meeting To Do:

1. VSBA survey of level of beekeeping / interests
2. Local state rep to attend? At VSBA and EAS to welcome.

My TO DO LIST:

3. Educational Committee roles, ME (Master Beekeeping)
4. Put VSBA meetings on local club's website and announce by liaisons.
5. Get list of regional reps. And push them (provide msgs to them).
6. Historian documents? I will work with Keith. Ann Harmon, Billy, Rick Fels
7. List of responsibilities for each exec board role / position. Battle books  
required.
8. Change bylaws to include electronic balloting. WHO WILL WORK?
9. Veteran Program
10. Brochure / info handout for VSBA. – develop / design
11. Presence at Va State Ag Day "Meet Va Agriculture" Farm Bureau Legislative  
Day: – booth set up / honey / info sheet / issues/ list of state and local club  
contacts – (Jan 17 this year) get date from Keith T. How many? Give aways?  
Observation Hive

VA State Fair 29 Sep – 8 Oct. Bob Stapleton – oversees hive products judging. Keith  
will be judging. 78% of the profit returns to the beekeeper for honey. 22% goes to  
volunteer fund that gets split between all volunteers. [Bob.stapleton@yahoo.com](mailto:Bob.stapleton@yahoo.com)  
804-672-8408.

Incorporation Status update – getting Treasurer’s signature and then not submitting until after Nov vote

Meeting Chair report : 4 Nov @ Blue Ridge Community College, Weyers Cave. Deb – vendors (Dadant, Geezer Ridge and Valley Bee Supply; Bruce / Pam working speakers; currently Erin MacGregor, Mike Seeley and Mike Embrey. Becky – registration – using Brown Paper Ticket <http://bpt.me/3073379>. 2 hotels set up with group rates. Country Inn and Suites and Sleep Inn. Online registration open until 23 Oct. Keith will give update on Va Pollinator Protection Plan. **Do we want a meeting the night before? 3 NOV – Board meeting. Regional rep meeting? Rusty and Bruce will check.**

15-16 June 18 –VA is summer meeting. **Proclamation.** Senator / Mayor to kick off meeting. Dinner to celebrate our 100 year anniversary.

Rusty wants to have the 2 day meeting centrally located and float the 1 day meeting around the state. Would like to do a survey to assess interest.

Treasurer Report: \$20,492 in account. \$30,012 in CDs. \$50K total. Insurance \$750 for Directors and Officers insurance. \$750 for liability for \$2M. **Check on other options. Maybe Farm Bureau? Ask**

## **New Business**

Swarm Management – **ME - Check with local clubs for their updated info For the website. GET TO KEITH FOR STATE FAIR.**

Website management – Rusty will talk with Christina (from Colonial). Clean it up and update. Tom is the updater now. James has volunteered to send in information.

Kelsey Mitchell, Center for Proteomics and Molecular Biology at GMU. Looking for honey samples. We will provide her contact info in the newsletter. **Me – send her info to our NVBA newsletter and at the next meeting.**

Discussed survey on beekeeping. Will send to VSBA membership and to local clubs after scrubbing and giving to Karla to review.

Goals for remainder of election year:

1. Oversight of existing committees – develop a vision. Will need a report from the directors at 3 Nov meeting or before to the board. Check with Regional Reps to see what they want.

Scholarship for undergrad / graduate majoring in science, entomology, biology, etc. **Come up with program.** Need grant form / application set up, voted on and reported out after research is finished. Get with Karla – grant. Membership would have to approve initially – need a proposal for the next meeting.

Linda Wyatt – now selling Bob Cole’s books, is a professional auctioneer.

Need to come up with guidelines for club to support local clubs. One idea is - **Growing degree days** – Keith’s program. Offer a match to the local association for brood minder or scale that information is put out to the local regions. They would have to report out the incoming pollen, environmental conditions, etc. Solution Bee – similar to Brood Minder. Need to be out to membership by 4 Oct for vote.

Bruce - NC State Meeting. “Golden Club” competition. Ranks clubs and gives points for participation, outreach, members, teaching, etc...

State apiarist report – Agricultural Inspectors - bee inspectors report out on events, trends, incidents. Bring in 1 from each region. 3 regions. Club would pay their way.

Annual Field Day. Sponsored by local club. Fields with hives set up with various demos, raffles, booths. Products of the hive, making soap, all demos under tent. Smoking a hive, smoking contest, making a split, feeding methods, mite treatments, marking a queen. Agricultural Research Center – ARC – research sites – centrally located. Randolph Farms is an example. Pollinator Week – June - Summer; Honey Month – September; Honey Bee Day –

Brochure – Rusty will put the information together to get to Ann to print.  
42 local clubs.

Survivalist Convention – opportunity to sell hive products / do beekeeping outreach.

Keith – was asked to relook the Limited Liability Regulation. There is an opportunity to comment on the website – Va Regulatory Town Hall – under comments forum.