



VSBA Leadership Meeting Minutes

June 30, 2020

Attendees: Martha Kiene (President), Ronnie Bolton (Secretary), Kristine Smith, Rebecca Swanson, John Davis, James Wilson, Karla Eisen, Lynn Berry, Keith Tignor

Meeting was opened utilizing the Zoom platform at 7:10 pm.

Ms Kiene received word from the club that hosts the Fall Meeting at Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC) that they notified by BRCC that when they did reopen, attendance would be limited to 50 people. Decision was made to cancel.

2021 Spring Meeting: Ms Kiene reported that the only dates for a Friday & Saturday were either end of July or August. A number of Sunday & Monday dates are available. EAS dates need to be determined before making a decision. The group preference was July if no conflicts with EAS.

Ms Kiene reported that a member asked about the necessity for dues this year since there are no meetings. She asked for opinions. Consensus was to make no change as it would make administration more complicated. As registration is now online, those who didn't wish to continue for year can just wait and renew next year.

In place of in-place meeting, online webinar meetings can be held with various speakers. Speaker suggestions are requested. Margaret Couvillion from VA Tech is available. Mr Wilson will host the Zoom meeting. She has available dates in July. Date TBD. Mr Hamon called in briefly to Ms Kiene to relay that he had two presenters lined up for future webinars.

USDA Grant: Ms Kiene made a number of contacts to get feedback on how the grant process works. Website instructions indicated that applications need to be made 4 -6 weeks sign up in advance for this year. Martha to start DUNS and USDA application process for future possibility. She talked to Hives for Heroes organization. Plans to get someone to give a presentation. Ms Eisen discussed the administration requirements in creating the grant application. Mr Wilson volunteered to assist with the grant application. Ms Kiene will get article in newsletter to solicit volunteers to work on this project.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Bolton
Secretary