



VSBA Leadership Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2020

Attendees: Martha Kiene (President), Bruce Hamon (1st Vice President), Pete Ostrowski (2nd Vice President), Ronnie Bolton (Secretary), Kristine Smith, John Davis, Karla Eisen

Meeting was opened utilizing the Zoom platform at 7:47 pm.

Ms Kiene reported that the contract has been signed for the Spring Meeting. With that finalized, the speakers that we had previously scheduled for the cancelled meeting this year need to be contacted to determine if they are able to come next year. Mr Ostrowski will start making contacts.

We had 40 attend the first online Speaker Series program with Dr. Maggie Couvillon. Steve Jimenez with Hives For Heroes is next on Aug. 5th. Flow Hive presentation scheduled for Aug 19th.

Ms Smith will organize a schedule and contact list for upcoming Speaker Series for rest of year.

Donations – Ian and Martha to get finalized. Kristine has already set up for web site, ready to turn on.

Speaker retainer fee – Ms Kiene suggest \$250. After further discussion consensus was against setting a specific fee and that it should vary depending on the speaker. Motion made by Mr Hamon to set a range of \$100-300 with Board approval required for anything higher. Mr Ostrowski seconded. Passed unanimously.

Ms Eisen asked that we obtain a list of Langstroth award winners to get posted to website

Ms Eisen – Met with Dr Wilson to review the USDA Veterans Grant. They came to conclusion that it is a major project with a minimum of \$100,000 a year. It is targeted for a Workforce Development or an established Veterans organization. A paid staff would be required to manage this type of grant. We might be able to partner with an existing organization but not to take on by ourselves.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Bolton
Secretary