



York County Beekeepers Association

A Chapter of the Maine State Beekeepers Association

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Minutes of ZOOM Meeting on February 14, 2022

- 1) The ZOOM meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M. by President Beth Goodwin. Twenty-three members attended the meeting. Two new members introduced themselves, Tim Brown and Gordon Shannon.
- 2) Speaker:
 - Shawn Jalbert of Native Haunts in Alfred, Maine, spoke on “Native Plants”.
 - Shawn’s definition of “native plants” is any plants that were found growing here prior to European colonization.
 - Want a pollinator friendly yard?
 - Stop using pesticides.
 - Pay attention to when you mow- mowing on cool overcast and windy days will prevent pollinators from being killed by your mower.
 - Stop mowing-choose a portion of your yard not to mow.
 - Put in plants, annuals, perennials, bushes, and shrubs to supply blooms from spring through the killing frost.
 - Native plants provide better nutrition for pollinators than varietal non-native plants.
 - Native trees include Basswood, Sugar maples, Elm, Oaks, and Black Tupelo.
 - Native shrubs include Shadbush (early spring bloomer), Sumac, Willows, and Beach Plum.
 - Other native plants for your property can be lowbush blueberry, elderberry, mountain mint, Virginia Bower vine (blooms in fall) and bush honeysuckle.
 - For the pollinators that feed at night Evening Primrose blossoms open later in the day.
 - Transplantation and seeds are ways to get native plants in your space
 - Climate change seems to be affecting the native plants in our area. Bloom times can be earlier than usual and some plants, like sugar maples which prefer cooler climates, appear to be declining prematurely.
 - Shawn’s website, nativehaunts.com has contact information as well as information on purchasing native plants, collecting seeds, consulting, and lots of beautiful pictures. Enjoy!

3) Officers' Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Phyllis Mewer reported there is \$7,194.35 in the bank account.
- **Secretary's Report:** Lynne Lincourt sent out the minutes by email prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as sent was made by Rachelle McKenzie and seconded by Valerie Cole. Passed unanimously.
- **Membership Director:** Lynne Gobeil reported there are currently 89 members. 2021 membership was 184. Membership applications are coming in slowly. Lynne will be sending reminders in March.

4) Old Business:

- **Hats and Tee Shirts-** Some discussion was had to whether we wanted shirts or a different kind of SWAG such as water bottles or totes. Shirts were settled on. Last year we ordered YCBA shirts and hats from Bullshirts. Beth will be in touch with Joe Barberi to find out if we are able to order one color shirts this year. If so, the membership can email Lynne Lincourt with the number of shirts desired with the size. (More information to follow) Sandy Hamel has a shirt XXL that she wants to donate to someone.
- **Valerie Cole** reported \$130.65 in the Clynk account. If anyone needs bags and/or tags, contact Valerie at weebitfarm2016@gmail.com.
- **YCBA 2022 Calendar Update-**There are 6 calendars left. Valerie Cole has 2 and Joe Barberi has 4.

5) New Business:

- **2022 Meeting Schedule** -Beth Goodwin went over the schedule for the upcoming year. Since Covid numbers are going down she proposed an in-person workshop for March 14th. Lynne Lincourt will be in touch with Nasson Community Center to see if YCBA is able to rent the auditorium.
April 11th meeting is Zoom with Jenn Lund talking about Swarm and Spring Management.
June 18th (6/19 Rain Date)-Open Hive
August 13th (Rain Date 8/14) -Field Day with Jenn Lund
October 17-TBD in person?
December 12-Beeseasonal/Potluck gathering
- **YCBA Bylaws Update-** The Executive Board was presented a "Virtual Meeting Policy" at their last meeting. To add this policy to the current Bylaws the policy must be referenced for two meetings with tonight's meeting being the first and April 11 being the second. A motion was made by Rachelle McKenzie and seconded by Valerie Cole to vote to accept the "Virtual Meeting Policy" at the April 11th meeting. (A copy of the policy will be sent with the minutes).
- **YCBA 2023 Calendars-** Beth Goodwin is accepting pictures for the 2023 YCBA calendar. Email them to her at Goodwin.elizabeth@gmail.com.
- **Valerie Cole** showed the trifold pamphlet she's been working on containing YCBA contact numbers, bee equipment suppliers, etc. Valerie will print some copies to send out and for giving out at bee events. Thank you, Valerie.
- **Community Outreach/Educational Outreach-** Beth Goodwin reported 25 responses to the survey. A motion was made by Dorothy Bell to spend \$100 to purchase bee books for placement in York County libraries. Valerie Cole seconded the motion. Passed.
- **Sentinel Apiary Program-**Lynne Gobeil reported she has signed up to participate in the 2022 Sentinel Apiary Program. She again will accept assistants for the monthly

testing in her apiary. She has also applied for the Maine Bee Wellness scholarship to the Sentinel Apiary Program again this year. If anyone is interested in signing up their hives to participate in the Sentinel Apiary Program, contact Lynne Gobeil at lgobeil@twc.com with any questions. Sign-ups can be done at beeinformed.org.

- **Volunteer Coordinator-** YCBA is looking for a person to organize and coordinate volunteers to support club activities, greet members and guests, provide snacks at meetings and support Acton Fair and other community outreach programs.

6) Final Items

- **Hive updates-** Members spoke to how many hives are still alive and food is being added.
- **Door Prizes are back!** By random drawing Dorothy Bell #16 was chosen to receive a zippered bag with club patch; and Rachelle McKenzie #5 was chosen to receive a 2022 YCBA calendar. Rachelle, already having a club calendar, donated hers to Jim Brown.
- **MSBA Webinar-**on February 28, 2022, will feature Emma Walters: Managing Varroa: Insights from the NY State Beekeeper Tech Team from Cornell University.
- **The** next meeting will be April 11, 2022, by Zoom or hybrid with State Apiarist, Jenn Lund speaking on Swarm and Spring Management.
- **In Person Workshop-** March 2022 -details to follow

7) The meeting was ended at 8:45 P.M

Respectively submitted,
Lynne Lincourt, Secretary