

January Meeting Minutes

1/23/2025

Leatherstocking Beekeepers' Association

Admin Attendance: Liz Burroughs, Richard Burroughs, Steve Davis

Absent: Stephanie Wardwell, Larissa Ryan

Presentation on Trees and Shrubs - Topics included pollinator importance, pollinator partnership, and partnerships and collaborations with USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) for support on private lands.

Debit card was hacked. 2 charges for Sephora on the Club Credit Card. Liz and Richard have gone to the bank to dispute these charges which can take up to 40 days. Received a new debit card.

Discussed concerns in regards using the post office box. The mailbox has been utilized once with one membership for the year. Possibly, think about if it is necessary to renew the PO Box for 2026. Richard L. has changed the post office box communications to the Leatherstocking Email address.

Agenda that is sent out the format will change and be adjusted moving forward. Any additional information will be added as an attachment.

Discussed having a Flow Hive Presentation in March. Presentation would be 1 hour and a 30 minute Q&A. Sent over the agreement to Liz and Richard to look over. Some club members felt it would be an infomercial and the Flow Hives are expensive.

Event Brite update currently has sold 22 out of 40 tickets. Total of \$990.00. With 351 visits to the event brite page. Paul Greer has shared our event with the Norwich Club and a handful of people have signed up. Please continue to share the event with others!

Annual Dues for Website are due in the next 30 days - Larissa paid last time should we set it up with our club card vs. paying with an individual account? 19\$ are due on February 22, 2025.

Purchases new audio and worked well during the presentation.

Motion to approve December meeting minutes - Approved.

Motion to approve payment of the website 19th - Approved, Second by Richard L. Reach out to Larissa about paying for the website and setting up the bee club debit card.

Applied for an EIN number for the club. EIN number is established. Do we want to apply as a Non Profit Club? Richard presents the question: should we apply as a Non - Profit? Discussion to change our guidelines and organizational rules. Richard plans on looking into this more and briefing the club in the future.

If the insurance policy changes it should be reviewed by the club. The cost can be paid annually without a vote.

Discussion on updating our operating guidelines.

Current balance is 1, 861. 80 - This does not include the amount that has been added from tickets.

Discussed upcoming elections and nominations are due

Membership Dues Paid tonight:

Amanda, CJ, and Tammy - Family dues 15.00

John Bell - 10.00

Things that need to be followed up on:

Website payment and transfer to the club debit card

A motion for the Flow Hive event

Richard B. follow up on Non Profit Paperwork

Discussion and plan on updating to organizational rules from 2016

