

**Lake County Beekeepers Association
Board Meeting
November 9, 2022
5PM**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5pm

2. Roll Call:

Name	Position	Present	Absent
Jim Belli	President	X	
Josh Boller	Vice President	X	
Perry Plescia	Treasurer	X	
Nancy Scott	Secretary	X	
Scott Farrell	Director of Programming	X	
Peggy Williams	Director (NewBees, Fair)		X
Tom Miceli	Director (Web)	X	
Frank Moriarty	Past President	CALL IN	
Will Pilipauskas	Guest	X	
Karen Belli	Guest	X	
Joel Kahling	Guest	X	

*Quorum: 4 members present

3. Different options regarding the 2023 election tie for presidency were discussed:

- a. Hold the election a second time?
 - i. Questions we need to define if we have another election
 1. How do we define a family? Our Membership form is labeled a "Family Membership". Our Bylaws do not define what a family is.
 2. What do we do if there is another tie? The Bylaws do not address what to do if there is a tie.
 - b. Hold the election electronically? Our Bylaws don't have a provision for an electronic election.
 - c. Perry feels we need to do what is in the best interest of the members. He feels both of the candidates have something to offer the Club. Could we do a co-presidency? Jim is opposed to a shared presidency.
 - d. Will suggested that he would be willing to concede to Jim if Jim created a Committee to deal with the Tax issue and create a Committee to work on an education program for new beekeepers. Will would want to be the Chair of both committees.
- ii. Jim agreed to create both Committees with Will as the Chair of each of the Committees. These committees will report to the board.

4. So, the election tie was solved, and we will be electing the Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Programs and two Directors at Large at the December meeting. Members will be able to nominate people for these positions from the floor in December.

This resolution is truly a win/win.

5. The Board then discussed the following:
 - a. Tax Issue and the “Lake County Property Tax Assessment Committee”:
 - Karen and Jim were asked to visit the Northbrook Gun Club to visit their property in Hainesville. This Club is a 762-acre commercial operation. Sixty acres are set aside for the Gun Club. They have a cattle operation and farm fields. The 60 acres of the property which is the Gun Club is a commercial endeavor. The other 702 acres are a farm. They also run 30 hives on the property. Lake County has re-assessed the farm portion of the property as open lands
 - Jim is not sure how the Gun Club can fight this.
 - How do you put a position paper together if you don’t know what the County is going to do?
 - Nothing in the law that gives the size of a farm. Nothing defines how many hives you need per acre.
 - 3/4 of a hive per acre has been a traditional definition of how many hives you need per acre, but there is no law that states this.
 - How do you put a position together if you don’t know what they are going to do?
 - In 2019 there were 427 apiaries in Lake County with 2,509 hives.
 - Will stated that we need to try and work on the tax issue before the “law” changes.
 - Should the Farm Bureau be brought into this? Perry will talk to the Farm Bureau.
 - Will asked Josh Boller, Jess Ray, and Perry Plescia to be on the newly formed Tax Committee.
6. Education Committee thoughts:
 - What do you want to do educationally?
 - Having some field experiences.
 - Jim thinks the Club really needs a program for new beekeepers.
 - Will, lessons need to be limited – you need to teach them the theory and then show them.
 - We need more hands on.
 - Perry wondered how much demand is there for this type of support?
 - What do the members want?
 - It is good for members to see different types of apiaries.

- Perhaps we need to charge a minimal fee for this education.
 - When we have field experiences, we need to control the ratio of people to hives.
 - We also need to provide handouts.
 - Perhaps we want to involve some youngsters in the education program.
 - A proposal will be put together by Will and presented to the Board.
7. Nancy will put Will on the BOD email list.
 8. A change has been made for the December meeting: Bill Palmer will speak about Honey sales.
 9. Future Potential Bylaw Changes:
 - Define family
 - What to do if there is a tie in an election.
 - Hold the election a second time?
 - Have the ability to hold the elections electronically? Currently the Bylaws state that members must be present at the meeting to vote.
 - Elections, list the order of presentation regarding who the members are voting on.

Meeting adjournment:

A motion was made by Josh Boller and seconded by Scott Farrell to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:10.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Scott

Secretary

Minutes were approved by the Board _____