

UTBA co-ordinating committee meeting

March 25, 2022

In attendance: Michelle, Marion, Luci, Kathy, Tom, Sheila, John, Alin

Chair: Michelle

Minutes : Michelle

Previous minutes were not available so Michelle will send them out to the group during the week for review.

- 1) Marion presented the finished beekeeper calendar. Thanking volunteers Alin Dumitrescu, Damian Maddelena, Michelle Wolfson, Alexandra Hutan, Kate Maddelena for their roles and work.
- 2) Marion used the beekeeper calendar document to prepare an extensive teaching document that can be used for future Bee Educated sessions. She compiled a 'back to basics' document from a high level summary that will act as a road map for each month's meeting.
- 3) Melanie has stepped down as treasurer and we welcome new treasurer Sheila Miller to our co-ordinating committee
- 4) In person meetings are still not possible as Kathy reported that U of T is not allowing off campus groups. We are hopeful for a September meeting in person
- 5) Tom has offered to host in person functions this summer at his Scarborough location.
- 6) Future meetings – it was suggested that future in person meetings also include a Zoom option. We will plan for this hybrid model in the future. It will need to be discussed if we will restrict our meetings to members only for Zoom meetings. We also discussed the option of finding a temporary location if U of T does not become available to us but nothing was decided.
- 7) Luci gave us the proposed speakers for the upcoming meeting

April – Lyn Santos Beekeeping in the Phillipines

Tom – Varroa sampling and treatments

May TTP – Colony losses

Alin will speak about splits

June TTP – Glynis will talk about bee viruses

Looking for a speaker to talk about singles vs doubles

Luci is also looking for help with finding speakers. Tom will help. Tom suggested Corey Stevens to talk about VHS selective breeding

- 8) The beekeeper calendar was previewed on the website. The printed copies will be available for free for members to pick up at Canada Beekeeping Supply or they can pay for shipping.
- 9) Tom and Alin will offer varroa testing opportunities at their yards this summer. Dates TBA
- 10) John Coffman resigned from the co-ordinating committee

We did not set a date for the next meeting.

