

UTBA January 5, 2021
Coordinating Committee

Minutes: Renee

Start time: 7 pm, On Zoom

Present: Daniel, Melanie, Fran, John, Luci, Marion, Michelle, Kathy, Henry

1. Approve Agenda : Approved.

Michelle will occupy the role of chair and Marion as vice chair as long as zoom meetings are in place. Once in place meetings happen, we can have general elections.

2. Review November 24th 2020 Meeting minutes

Addendum by Luci about presentation not so much being too long as not enough time having been allocated for the presentation from the last meeting

3. Review of survey results (Henry)

Keynote speakers most liked
Bee educated came in second
Recording and publishing all the meetings to be able to be watched later
Continue virtual meetings (89% would be disappointed if they stopped)
Marion mentioned presentations with 30 minutes and 15 minute q&a afterwards as breakout sessions. Also a feature that works well on zoom.
About 35 responses

4. January meeting dot democracy (Henry)

2 functions: elicit ideas and rank those ideas by popularity.
The idea would be as a survey after the January meeting to allow everyone to talk about it during the meeting and then decide afterwards. Also allows people who couldn't attend the meeting but have received the survey to also participate.
Henry will screen share during the meeting and build the list of options to then send out at the end of the meeting

5. Meeting plans (Luci)

An overview by Henry about the content of the survey
A go around and chat about what folks have done over the past year done as an open mic style.
Then a brainstorming of the list of subjects we would like to see covered.
Meeting scheduled for Jan 12, 7 pm

Checking in about length of meetings: seems there were no complaints especially since, with zoom, you can always log off if you are tired of being there. Start time less affected since meetings are recorded.

Discussion around presentation and meeting length and number of presenters.

Luci likes the chatting after the meeting.

Suggestion of putting the bee questions at the end of the meeting rather than at the beginning. Let's try it out and see.

6. UTBA Mailbag (Fran)

Ralph wrote to mention he registered his hives with OMAFRA who mentioned he only needs to register his hives every 3 years. Updates for next meeting. Might be problematic for insuring that folks are complying for registering.

7. Establish UTBA committee to create a statement of position on honeybees competing for resources from native bees in an urban environment. (Michelle)

Michelle mentioned problem with save the bees as marketing term to just exclusively saving the honey bees or all bees. The public doesn't have good public accurate information about pollinators. So, in order to address this, our association should take a position on this, especially so we are on the same front. John is already on top of this and will lead the committee. John and the committee can determine the scope of the project. Rebecca Ellis has done her PhD on this subject.

8. New Business

Board positions with definitions up on the website. Should there be terms associated with positions (such as minimum 2 years, maximum 4 years). The website could also act as an archival repository for meeting minutes.

9. Membership

Marketing membership from last year template to be used.

Renee to be responsible for reaching out for renewals.

Kathy points out that the automatic renewal might be problematic. We should be able to choose automatic rather than it being by default.

Melanie points out you can still pay via etransfer or cheque to avoid this as well.

The proposed change is that instead of automatically renewing, there would be a check box that folks can choose that option.

Alternate payment options will be written as available under payment (now it is only credit card and not necessarily accessible). Henry will do that.

The treasurer email will be used to avoid Melanie using her own email.
Renee will reach out to Oliver to figure out how mail chimp and membership works

10. Next meeting date (all)

No speakers chosen for February or March.
Blue Green Horizons has the potential to be a February speaker.

Next meeting scheduled for Feb 23rd, 7pm