

MICHIGAN BLUEBERRY COMMISSION

Special meeting Via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2024

PRESENT:

Nancy Nyquist, Executive Director, Michigan Blueberry Commission
Rob Bodtke, President, Michigan Blueberry Commission
Creela Hamlin, Vice Chair, Michigan Blueberry Commission
Carly Parsley, Treasurer, Michigan Blueberry Commission
Becky Hotovy, Secretary, Michigan Blueberry Commission
Jason Thomas, Michigan Blueberry Commission
Dave Reenders, Michigan Blueberry Commission
Jennifer Spears, True Blue Farms/MBC Assistant Treasurer
Heather Throne

ABSENT:

Eric Jawor, Michigan Blueberry Commission

Call to Order

President Rob Bodtke called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, performed a roll call, and verified the presence of a quorum.

Adoption of Agenda

The Commission reviewed the proposed agenda.

1. **Call to order.**
2. **Roll Call.**
3. **Change in permissions on the bank accounts. (added/amended)**
4. **NABC Hill Climb cost(added/amended)**
5. **Discussion on cost sharing research with Hort Society.**

MOTION: Carly moved to approve the amended agenda as with support from; support from Creela motion carried with unanimous verbal consent.

Change in Bank Account Permissions

Change in permissions on bank will be to remove Dennis Vander Kooi from approved signature and add Rob Bodtke

MOTION: Jason moved to make requested changes on accounts with support from Becky; motion carries with unanimous verbal consent.

NABC Hill Climb Support

Chad Reenders had submitted a total cost for his trip in the amount of \$2391.24 it was suggested to pay half the cost of this trip as presented at the last meeting. There was discussion about should we support up to \$1500 because Chad may cover the rest out of pocket. Jen confirmed that MBBAC will still most likely cover the other half, it is just not approved yet. No motion was necessary because the previous approved amount from the December '22 meeting motion still stands as approved.

Gall Wasp Research Support

Discussion on cost sharing research with Hort Society, at the close of the January meeting we had funds left on budget for research, Creela expressed interest in a continued Blueberry stem gall wasp project for \$10,000 with the support from Hort Society for \$6,000. Research will be conducted by Rufus Isaacs, and Chyanne Sloan this will be a 2-year project covering lab and field trials. They are investigating new varieties and their sustainability to galls and what are the best chemical controls.

MOTION: Creela moved to support and contribute the requested funds with support from Becky; motion carried with unanimous verbal consent.

Public Comment:
None

Adjournment

MOTION: Dave moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:24am with support from Creela; motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 am.