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Minutes of the meeting of the South African Bee Industry Organisation held at the premises of the Agricultural Research Council, Soutpansberg Road, Rietondale, Pretoria on 8th August 2010.

1. Welcome

John Moodie, the Chairman of SABIO opened the meeting at 15:00 and welcomed all present and thanked everyone for attending, especially as it was a long weekend. He hoped to discuss Mr. Dawid Smit's proposal. Mr. Andre de Preez opened with a prayer.

2. Attendance

An attendance register was circulated and is attached.

3. Purpose of the Meetings

Mr. Dawid Smit intended to present his Statuary proposal but due to circumstances the presentation could not be presented as no projector was available. It was decided to continue with the meeting.

4. Structure of SABIO

The present structure of SABIO needed to be modified so that different interest groups could be more represented on the Board to ensure that they are also taken into consideration. For example associations, bottlers, commercial beekeepers and hobbyists - each group then selects a Board member of their group in a representative manner. Mr. Brett Falconer's opinion is that beekeepers do not need to belong to an association and that it is difficult to be represented in this manner. Even if beekeepers do not belong to an association they still need to have access to SABIO directly.

Commercial beekeepers, bottlers or large beekeepers can have their own association with their own body that can represent them.

5. Consumer

Mr. Theunis Englebrecht presented a diagram with consumer at the top, beekeepers in the middle and various topics following from the main topic for example training, bottlers, and pollination ext. at the bottom are bees and beekeeper. Problem should be considered in the light of the supply chain between consumers and beekeepers..

The present structure of SABIO has undermined associations and it is not accommodating beekeepers at present.

Mr. Dawid Smit proposed that DAFF do registration for SABIO.

Mr. Mike Miles had presented a Maslow structure for SABIO's that has pollinators, bottles and beekeepers at the bottom moving up to regional bodies, then regional SABIO and at the top national SABIO. All groups need to be part of this new structure for example regional SABIO bodies will still have their own identity (WBCA, Eastern Highveld ext.).

What is the aim of an association was asked? This is an informal network association, which is the birthplace of beekeepers. Associations are a form of help to the everyday beekeeper, not only to the beekeeper but also to municipalities and the public.

6. Regulation and self regulatory functions

The regulation and self regulatory functions need to be analysed. For SABIO registration remains a problem and should remain the responsibility of SABIO. Bee disease remains the responsibility of the Government. It was indicated that Government will not talk to associations and that SABIO is needed to represent the beekeepers at National level.

The SABIO board has to be elected by the associations, each association will pay levies and there will be no membership fee. The association will be responsible and decide what there functions are.

7. Voluntary levies

Voluntary levies had not worked in the past and all meetings to date agreed to the introduction of statutory levies on condition they are fair and confidential. We need to keep this in mind that statutory levies do not belong to SABIO and that only 10% can be used for administrative cost.

8. Office functions

The office functions was discussed in terms of what is need to run an office as well as the cost involved. The manager must be able to generate his/her own salary in addition to a fixed salary.

9. Statuary levies

Various possible levy option were discussed site, hives, honey, pollination and imported honey. A few suggest was made by the attendees at the meeting. The 'Nando's' packing system was suggested. A sticker on the hive or on the honey jar or importation charge on imported weight. SABIO will be responsible for the distribution of stickers. Two suggestions was made to levy all imported honey and on sold honey and pollinators. The sticker will include the registration number to control and verify.

10. Closure

The meeting adjourned at 17:00

