

Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association

Executive Board Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Cuyahoga County Fair Grounds



Board Attendance:	Present	Absent
Mike Alonso, President	X	
Adam Price, Vice President		X
Sarah Alonso, Secretary	X	
Brenda Theurer, Treasurer	X	
Denzil St. Clair Past President	X	
Laura Brown		X
Joe Petrek	X	
Charles Heaton	X	
Quorum Established		

Guests
Jan Petrek
Shelia St. Clair
Phil Bartosh
Rolly Platten

Meeting officially called to order at 6:38pm

Treasurer Report

Brenda Theurer

- Ms. Theurer reviewed the financials. GCBA currently has \$9063.85 in savings and \$1976.25 in checking.
- GCBA received \$527 in honey donations during the Fair. This money will be used to operate the bee yard only.
 - Mr. Bartosh let the board know that there is still honey from the extraction exhibits that needs to be bottled. Mr. St. Clair stated that these could be displayed at the GCBA member meetings and members could donate to receive a bottle.
 - Mr. Platten stated that he gave bottles of honey to Dennis Eck to give to the Fair Board Directors

Motion to Approve Financials

Motion: Sarah Alonso Seconded by Charles Heaton

Motion passes.

Motion to Acknowledge, any donation received from Bee Yard activities (honey, queens, nucs, etc.) can only be used for the Bee Yard operations.

Motion: Denzil St. Clair; Seconded by Joe Petrek

Motion passes.

Secretary Report

S. Alonso

- a. Ms. Alonso emailed the minutes to the board before the board meeting. She asked if there were any questions or edits. None were stated.

Motion to Approve the Secretary's Report

Motion: Denzil St. Clair; Seconded by Joe Petrek

Motion passes.

Debrief Fair Week

R. Platten/S. St. Clair

- a. Mr. Platten debriefed the board on Fair Week. He stated that passing out tickets to volunteers and members during the meeting was the most challenging issue during Fair Week.
- b. Volunteers played a large role in making Fair Week run smoothly. All volunteers arrived for their time slot and only one 3-hour slot was empty.
- c. Mr. Platten suggested that for next year, emails and reminders about the fair go out earlier in the year. He believes this would garner more support amongst the members.
- d. Only 28 members showed up for Jeremy Workman's talk.
 - a. Next year the talk should be more general so it appeals not only to the members but all those who may stop by the Bee Barn.
- e. GCBA should be encouraging members to submit honey to the Fair.
 - a. GCBA will schedule a class to talk about entering honey or other honeybee products into the Fair.
- f. The board will need to work with the Fair Board to ensure the honey extraction demo is announced over the loudspeaker.
- g. Next year, GCBA will bottle honey right after the extraction demo. This year, several people asked for honey from the extraction and there was none available.
- h. GCBA will send LCBA a thank you card for borrowing Beatrice the Balloon.
- i. In June GCBA should hold a mock fair to prepare members for August. We could offer a prize for \$30 or TBA. Mr. St. Clair stated that he would be happy to judge.

Motion to Approve GCBA matching the Cuyahoga County Fair Board premiums for classes in each category of honey.

Motion: Denzil St. Clair; Seconded by Joe Petrek

Motion passes.

Future Speaker

- a. Brenda will speak at the September meeting on showing honey at the fair. Sarah will need Peggy Vasu's number to reschedule her September talk.
- b. For November, Shelia will ask Steve Mogson to speak about Fall prep.
 - i. We all need to remind members that nomination for Director and Officer positions, end in November.

Bee Yard

- a. GCBA will need to confirm with Mr. Eck if we can put a shed in the back of the Bee Yard.
- b. Mr. Platten found a 10x10 shed for \$800
- c. Mrs. St. Clair is still working on getting a large bee balloon. She would like to have a design contest with the members.

October Beginner Bee Class

- a. Tentative date of October 5 from 9am – 2pm
- b. We will only offer donuts, coffee, and snacks
- c. Ms. Alonso will email the list we received from the Fair.
- d. \$50 for the class and 15-month membership.
- e. Flyers will go up on Facebook

Motion to Adjourn at 7:40 pm

Motion: Denzil St. Clair; Seconded by Charles Heaton

Motion passes unanimously.

Next Regular Board Meeting Scheduled
Wednesday, September 18, 2024
Cuyahoga County Fair Ground