

Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association

Executive Board Regular Meeting

Wednesday, November 20, 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
Eric Manthey

Meeting officially called to order at 6:30pm

Secretary Report

S. Alonso

- Ms. Alonso emailed the minutes to the board before the board meeting.

Motion to Approve the Secretary's Report

Motion: Laura Brown; Seconded by Charles Heaton

Motion passes.

Bee Yard

S. St. Clair

- Mrs. St. Clair reported that Mr. Platten and Mr. Manthey have a plan for the shed that will be placed in the bee yard this summer. Once they have more information they will report out.
- Mrs. St. Clair is still working on quotes for the bee mascot. She spoke to a store in Brunswick where balloons range from \$4700 for a 14ft balloon to \$7000 for a 20ft balloon. These prices include everything (blower, straps, etc.). The club needs to have a plan to raise the money for the balloon.
- Mr. Alonso sent the larger donor all of the paperwork they requested along with a thank you. He also asked how they would like the money to be spent and they have not responded.
- Mrs. St. Clair continues to work with Ms. Sulandari on the annual World Bee Day Celebration. This year there will be 2 days of education for surrounding schools and 1 day that will be for the public.

Mrs. St. Clair would like to have live animals at the event this year. She spoke with Mr. Eck and he stated that he would speak with the Fair Board for a donation to help pay for the animals.

Treasurer Report

Brenda Theurer

- a. Ms. Theurer reviewed the financials. GCBA currently has \$9064.08 in savings and \$3,479.63 in checking. This includes the donation.

Motion to Approve Financials

Motion: Adam Price; Seconded by Joe Petrek; Abstain: Brenda Theurer

Motion passes.

Upcoming Meetings

J. Petrek

- a. Mrs. Petrek stated that the current coffee maker is very old and that we waste a lot of coffee every meeting. She would like to be able to buy a Keurig. The board discussed the pros and cons of purchasing a Keurig. The decision was made not to buy the machine but to buy a new standard coffee maker.
- b. Mrs. Petrek will continue to act as hospitality coordinator as well as a director.
- c. For January's meeting we will have a panel discussion. We will contact, Eric Manthey, Phil Bartosh, Dave Borling, Kathy Louch, and Rich Butarea to speak. We will conduct the Honey Cake contest during the first half of the meeting and the panel in the second half.
- d. March meeting consider a candle dipping session during the first half of the meeting and a speaker during the second half.

Motion to Approve \$50 for the Honey Cake Prize

Motion: Adam Price; Seconded by Sarah Alonso; No: Brenda Theurer

Motion passes.

Holiday Party

J. Petrek

- a. Mr. Petrek will set up 16 tables for the party.
- b. The board will give away a Year End Prize of a Ross Round. We will still have a 50/50 raffle.

Motion to Approve Purchase of Ross Rounds

Motion: Adam Price; Seconded by Sarah Alonso

Motion passes unanimously.

Recent OSBA Email

- a. Ms. Theurer read the email that she received about OSBA teaching materials. There was a discussion regarding the email. Mr. Alonso stated that he would reach out to Dale Olson about the upcoming Beginner Beekeeping Class and for the GCBA to receive the materials.
- b. Mrs. St. Clair stated that Bee Culture will run a free ad for the Club regarding the upcoming class.
- c. It was stated that the Club should start advertising the February class this month.

Recent OSBA Email

- a. No one has volunteered to run as President. Mr. Platten said he would act as Vice President if needed.
- b. Mrs. Petrek stated that she will run as a Director with a three-year term.
- c. Mr. Price will stay on as Vice President
- d. There needs to be a plan for the Secretary. Mr. Price stated that people may need to step in and help fill that role.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:36 pm

Motion: Denzil St. Clair; Seconded by Sarah Alonso

Motion passes unanimously.

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