

**GCBA Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 19, 2022**

Call the Meeting to Order

Denzil called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Board Members Present

Denzil St. Clair, Phil Bartosh, Mike Stark, Brenda Theurer, Shannon Warder, Sarah Marie, Joe Petrek,

Board Members Absent

Laura Brown

Guests Present

Sheila St. Clair, Jan Petrek, Mike Alonso, Sarah Alonso, Tom Kennish (2022 Fair Chairman)

Quorum Established? Yes.

Treasurer's Report

The 50/50 raffle Sep: \$100, \$50 split to the winner Audrey Gargas, donated back to GCBA

Beginning Sep balance of savings was \$10,061.87, ending \$9,062.03. Beginning balance for Sep \$1,428.22, ending balance was \$1,538.33.

Denzil asked what the Board approved for a budget for the fair volunteers' T-shirts, Shannon confirmed \$400 from June Board meeting. Actual cost of t-shirts was \$889.83.

Motion: Shannon to approve the over expenditure of budget for the fair booth volunteers.

Second: Joe

Discussion: Tom shared that GCBA had a lot more booth volunteers than anticipated from last year's numbers. Sarah said the cost of the T-shirts had doubled since the last time she ordered them. Joe stated Sarah is not responsible to personally pay for the over expenditure. Board consensus was for in the future, Sarah should send an email updating the Board on the situation with increased cost.

All in favor: Shannon, Phil, Joe, Mike

Abstain: Brenda

Opposed: Sarah

Motion passed

Motion: Joe to accept Treasurer's report

Second: Mike

Abstain: Brenda

All others in favor, motion passed

Motion: Brenda to accept September Secretary Minutes

Second: Mike

Abstain: Shannon

All others in favor, motion passed

Secretary's Report

Number of people registrants for the Oct 1 "So You Think You Want to Be a Beekeeper" class: 14.

Number of people in attendance at the October 12 General Membership Meeting: 38.

Shannon reported she sent appropriate correspondence to John Rose for presentation and Griffin Cider House and Gin Bar for \$450 donation.

Old Business

Upcoming Regular membership Meetings:

Nov – TBD, Denzil researching and 2023 Board Nominations

Dec – 2023 Board Election and Holiday Party-Sarah Marie volunteered to be party chair

Jan-Discussion on wax rendering. Sarah will bring cappings to use for the demo. Discuss the rendering process and what the clean beeswax can be used for.

Feb – Beginner Classes

March – TBD

April – TBD

Board discussed upcoming meeting ideas. Brenda wants to see more advanced concepts discussed to keep the interest of experienced beekeepers, possibly a necropsy of a dead colony. Phil suggested swarm prevention. Mike suggests polling the membership to get ideas. Shannon will send poll to members via email and will share results in November.

Discussion on the October 1 class: Denzil thought it was a great success, had definite connection with the people who signed up at the fair. Denzil said going into the hives was a big hit, the attendees really got involved.

Brenda stated she thought GCBA charged too much money for what the attendees received; Shannon agreed. Sheila reported LCBA had about the same number of attendees at their similar class and LCBA charged \$20. Shannon, Sarah, Mike, Brenda, and guest Mike Alonso all agreed that it would have been nice to have some handouts to give attendees (catalogues, ABJ and Bee Culture magazines, hive inspection checklist, National Honey Board info, possibly “goodie bags” similar to the Beginner Class in 2022). Mike suggested purposely ordering more supplier catalogues and magazines at beginning of the year to save for this class in 2023. Denzil suggested having more hives to go into if the number of attendees increases. Sarah suggested doing a FB live during the class.

Shannon gave update on the contract with the Rocky River nature Center. Val Felter confirmed all of GCBA’s conditions, with the exception of the center not being able to accommodate GCBA in June, July, and August. Phil and Denzil questioned if the Board had agreed to return to the Nature Center for the General Membership Monthly meetings. Shannon read the motion from the September Board meeting minutes and clarified the Board did vote unanimously to return to the Nature Center and that Shannon would discuss GCBA’s conditions with Val Feltzer.

Sarah brought up her concern that some of the membership do not feel GCBA is focusing enough on supporting urban beekeepers, rather the association focuses too much on new beekeepers (members have voiced this to her). Discussion returned to some of the points made earlier (polling members, ensuring GCBA has meetings about advanced topics, etc). Mike suggested changing up the format of the meetings, possibly doing break-out groups. Mike Alonso suggested having the first part of a meeting focused on new beekeepers but then ending with an advanced topic.

Sheila shared with the group more details about World Bee Day and how it would be a big event for GCBA to take part in. Shannon stated she thinks it is a great opportunity but that the Board should vote on GCBA getting involved since it will take significant resources from the association. Motion/vote did not follow due to the issue being lost in conversation.

New Business

Shannon asked Board to approve posting of an informative link to the GCBA website, a suggestion from a local student who found the link during her research of pollinators.

Motion: Sarah to post the link if the webmaster does not have any issues with it.

Second: Mike

All in favor, motion passed

Board agreed that actively marketing to businesses to advertise on the GCBA website and newsletter would be good. Joe asked where the Board can get an idea of who will advertise and how much to charge, Denzil suggested OSBA. No one was put in charge of this marketing campaign (should be revisited).

Brenda asked for discussion on the 2023 flyers for registration/renewal and the beginner Class. Shannon will have CH Creative update the flyers to reflect new dates.

Motion: Joe to keep cost of registration for the 2023 Beginning Beekeeper Class at \$50.

Second: Sarah

All in Favor, motion passed

Motion: Shannon to adjourn meeting at 8:41pm

Second: Mike

All in favor, motion passed