

**Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association
Executive Board Regular Meeting**

*Wednesday, April 19, 2023
Cuyahoga County Fair Grounds*



Board Attendance:	Present	Absent
<i>Tom Kennish, President</i>		X
<i>Mike Alonso, Vice President</i>	X	
<i>Sarah Alonso, Secretary</i>	X	
<i>Brenda Theurer, Treasurer</i>	X	
<i>Denzil St. Clair, Past President</i>	X	
<i>Laura Brown</i>	X	
<i>Joe Petrek</i>		X
<i>Charles Heaton</i>	X	
Quorum Established		

Guests
<i>Phil Bantosh</i>
<i>Shelia St. Clair</i>
<i>Eric Manthey</i>
<i>Amanda Herzberger</i>
<i>Jan Petrek</i>

**Meeting
officially
called
to order at 6:32pm**

Treasurer Report

a. *Theurer reviewed the current bank statement. GCBA currently has \$9062.64. All March checks have been cashed. The March 50/50 raffle*

from the membership meeting netted \$82 with the payout being \$41 to Mike and Sarah Alonso. The money was donated back to purchase plants or other supplies for the bee yard.

Motion to Approve Treasurer Report

Motion: Joe Petrek; Seconded by: Laura Brown

Motion passes with one abstain (Brenda Theurer)

- b. *Two invoices were presented to the board. The first invoice from Reprose was for the creation of the sponsor thank you sign. The second invoice was to Cravener/Holmes Creative for the maintenance of our website and other design work*

Motion to Approve Payment to Reprose

Motion: Sarah Alonso; Seconded by: Charles Heaton

Motion passes unanimously

Motion to Approve Payment to Cravener/Holmes Creative

Motion: Joe Petrek; Seconded by: Laura Brown

Motion passes unanimously

- c. *Ms. Theurer informed the board that the insurance payment was not received to the insurance company on time due to issues at the post office. Ms. Theurer has worked with the insurance company and going forward*

Secretary Report

Sarah Alonso

- a. *Ms. Alonso reported that she made the appropriate changes to the minutes*

Motion to Approve March Minutes with appropriate changes

Motion: Brenda Theurer Seconded by Charles Heaton

Motion passes unanimously

- b. Ms. Alonso stated Mrs. St. Clair had reached out to Robert Najjar, the President of the Summit County Beekeepers Association to speak at our May meeting. Mrs. St. Clair relied that Mr. Najjar will be speaking about what it means to be a beekeeper. Ms. Alonso will reach out to Mr. Najjar to be sure he has what he needs for the meeting.
- c. Mrs. St. Clair stated that OSBA has speakers that are willing to come out to speak to the membership if we would like to utilize that resource. For June, we could have a speaker talk about queen management, supering, summer build up, or races of bees. Mr. St. Clair will reach out to Dave Noble to speak about queen management.
July is the annual summer picnic so there is no need to schedule a speaker. We will need to get the date to Dennis Eck so he is aware of GCBA using the pavilion. August is the fair and will have our regular meeting during the fair, just as we did last year.
- d. Ms. Alonso reminded the group that the board still needed to pay Ms. Garnes for speaking at the April meeting. When Mr. Alonso asked Ms. Garnes about her typical payment she stated that it is usually repayment for her mileage. Mr. St. Clair pointed out that in order to obtain high-quality speakers we need to pay them for their time.

Motion to Pay Peggy Garnes \$150 for speaking at the April Membership Meeting

Motion: Denzil St. Clair Seconded by Joe Petrek

Motion passes unanimously

New Business

S. Alonso

- a. Mr. Kennish has stepped down as the GCBA President. Mr. St. Clair stated that Mr. Alonso should take on the President position for the remainder of the term. Mr. Alonso is in possession of the AV equipment, computer and tri-folds. Mr. Petrek suggested that we create an inventory of equipment. Mr. Alonso also suggested that we have all GCBA equipment locked in the extraction room so that it is all in one place.

Motion to Appoint Michael Alonso as GCBA President for the remainder of the 2023 Term

Motion: Denzil St. Clair Seconded by Joe Petrek

Motion passes unanimously

- b. Ms. Alonso reminded the group that we are still looking for a fair chair. Mr. St. Clair suggested that it is announced to the membership and ask for a volunteer. Ms. Herzberger asked if there was a description of the fair chair's responsibilities. Mr. St. Clair stated that there was not, but one should definitely be created. This is only the 3rd year that GCBA has participated in this function at the fair. Ms. Herzberger will work with Mrs. St. Clair on a role description and will place the request in the newsletter.
- c. The topic of fundraising was brought to the table. Mr. Alonso suggested a Night at the Races. Mr. St. Clair stated that GCBA would need the Fairground Board approval to hold an event and suggested asking the membership if that would be of interest to them.
- d. Mr. Alonso stated that he was confused on who is responsible for the bee yard and asked if the bees in the yard are the fairgrounds or GCBA or is it a joint venture. Mr. St. Clair stated that the bee yard is GCBA and the equipment and bees belong to the fairgrounds. We will take care of the bees and use the yard for education and spreading the GCBA mission. We can have Saturday meetings for demos for new beekeepers and possibly work with LCBA to spread the word about the bee yard.

World Bee Day

Shelia St. Clair

- a. Mrs. St. Clair stated that WBD committee did a walk through of the grounds. Mr. Bartosh volunteered to do a hotdog stand to raise money for GCBA. He will purchase the food and will donate the funds for the permit.

Motion to Approve up to \$500 for food purchases. Any overage will be approved at the May board meeting

Motion: Brenda Theurer; Seconded by: Sarah Alonso

Motion passes unanimously

- b. Mrs. St. Clair will send Ms. Herzberger Nicky's information to help with the Slovenian board. Nicky stated that if the WBD festivities are not successful this year, she will stop sponsoring the weekend.

Motion to Approve a Budget of \$300 to Purchase Equipment for the Bee Yard

Motion: Mike Alonso; Seconded by: Sarah Alonso

Motion passes unanimously

Old Business

M. Alonso

- a. *Ms. Alonso stated that since Mr. Kennish stepped down we need a board member to take on the square/card reader. Mr. Alonso stated that he would do this, but stated that there still needs to be a two-person authentication. He will work on creating an email for the account and will purchase the square. Mr. Bartosh reiterated that the reader needs to be linked to the website so that we can take payment and donations from the site. Mr. Alonso will work with Ms. Theurer to get this taken care of.*
- b. *Mr. Manthey reported out that the wall hive and one hive out in the yard have had bees installed. The queen in the bee yard is out, but not too sure about the wall hive. We are waiting for Rick Moranz to catch swarms to put in the other two hives.*
- c. *Mrs. St. Clair reminded everyone that the garden sign still needs to be hung. We still need to obtain a quote for the installation of fencing around the bee yard. Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair will work on this. Petites has donated \$100 for the purchase of ornamental trees. Mr. Bartosh will speak with John Rini about plants. We will need to purchase and spread mulch.*
- d. *Table GCBA Clothing for now*

Motion to Adjourn at 8:12pm

Motion: Denzil St. Clair Seconded: Sarah Alonso

Motion Passes

*Next Regular Board Meeting Scheduled
Wednesday, June 21, 2023
Cuyahoga County Fair Ground*