

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

Wednesday, August 16, 2023
Cuyahoga County Fair Grounds



| Board Attendance: | Present | Absent |
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| Mike Alonso, President | X | |
| Phil Bartosh, 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 |
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| Jan Petrek |
| Eric Manthey |
| Amanda Herzberger |
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Meting officially called to order at 6:43pm

Treasurer Report

Brenda Theurer

- a. Ms. Theurer reviewed the current bank statement. GCBA currently has \$9062.94, The April 50/50 raffle from the membership meeting netted \$43.
- b. Address needs to be updated with some of our vendors. An invoice was delivered to a previous board member. We received two invoice from Katherine for the website as well as the new sign for the extraction Room

Motion to Approve Treasurer Report

Motion: Joe Petrek Seconded by: Laura Brown

Motion passes with one abstain (Brenda Theurer)

Motion to Approve Payment for the website and new sign for Extraction Room

Motion: Sarah Alonso; Seconded by: Joe Petrek

Motion passes unanimously

Secretary Report

Sarah Alonso

- a. During the fair we had approximately 85 people interested in the October beekeeping class.
 - a. Mr. Alonso will reach out to the fairgrounds to see what Saturday we are able to use Building 24 or 30.
 - b. Ms. Alonso will reach out to those that have expressed interest once we have a date.
 - c. Farm Service
 - i. Possible quick speaker before one of our meetings. The Farm Service has a program that can help backyard beekeepers if a flood or other weather issues kills one of their hives.
 - d. October speaker—How to sell items at craft shows. Mr. Bartosh will present.

Motion to Approve July Minutes

Motion: Laura Brown; Seconded by Joe Petrek

Motion passes unanimously

New Business

M. Alonso

- a. Mr. Bartosh stated that GCBA's extraction will be boarded up until the next Fair in 2024 and all items that the Club will need, will need to be removed from the room. The beehives will be stored at Queen Right, everything else will need to be split up and stored by the board members.
 - a. Mr. Petrek asked Mr. Eck if GCBA or the fairgrounds could build a shed at the back of the bee yard. Mr. Eck liked the idea, but nothing further has taken place.
 - b. Ms. Brown and Mr. Alonso will split up the remainder of the totes.
- b. The October class will be between 6-8 hours. This will account for the set up and clean up. All board members should plan on being there for the day.
 - a. Mr. Bartosh may have the slides from 2022. Those have the page numbers that refer to the "Beekeeping for Dummies." Mr. Bartosh will send out as well as ask a few people to present.
 - b. We have a few extra "Beekeeping for Dummies" book that we can sell at the class for \$25.00.
 - c. Mr. Bartosh will purchase the items for lunch that day. Hotdog, chips, and a drink.
 - d. Ms. Petrek and Ms. Alonso will create bags for those that attend the class.
- c. The idea of having the Holiday Party catered this year. Mr. Bartosh called various caterers and found the cost per person ranged between, \$15-\$16 per person. The Holiday Party will continue to be a potluck.
- d. Elections will take place again in December. President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one Director are all up for re-election. Mr. and Ms. Alonso will not be running for the 2024 year. Ms. Theurer does intend to run for re-election for Treasurer.
 - a. Mr. Alonso will announce the open positions at the beginning of the next few meetings and Ms. Herzberger will announce this in the newsletters

- e. Ms. Herzberger will recap the summer in the upcoming newsletter featuring pictures from the picnic and Fair Week.

Motion to Approve a Budget of \$250 to purchase food for the Beekeeping Class.

Motion: Phil Bartosh; Seconded by Charles Heaton

Motion passes unanimously

Motion to Approve a Budget of \$150 to Purchase Give-Away Bags

Motion: Sarah Alonso; Seconded by Joe Petrek

Motion passes with one abstain (Phil Bartosh)

Old Business

M. Alonso

- a. Mr. Alonso met with the shop owner regarding GCBA apparel. He will create a link for GCBA members to order and pay for apparel right off the site. This link will be posted on our website. Mr. Alonso chose t-shirts, polos, water bottles, and hoodies to be placed on the site.
 - a. There is a \$100 set up fee for the website. Once set-up we can add as many items we want on to the site. We will receive a certain percentage of all items ordered.
- b. Mr. Petrek told the board that the library on Snow Rd also has a machine that prints T-shirts that is open to the public. There is a cost for the shirt and to print.

Motion to Pay Rico Sports \$150 for GCBA Clothing Store

Motion: Sarah Alonso; Seconded by Charles Heaton

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:27pm

Motion: Laura Brown; Seconded: Charles Heaton

Motion Passes

Next Regular Board Meeting Scheduled
Wednesday, September 20, 2023
Cuyahoga County Fair Ground