

The Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 20, 2021

Time Called to Order: 6:35pm

Board Members Present: Phil Bartosh, Tracy McKenna, Sarah Marie, Denzil St. Clair, Brenda Theurer, Shannon Warder

Presiding Officer: Shannon Warder

Absent Board Members: Larry Theurer, Sheila Maurer

Quorum Present: Yes

Guests: Andy Kawac, Sheila St. Clair

OLD BUSINESS:

Treasurer's report:

Savings balance \$13,007.48, ending balance \$13,007.70. Checking balance \$6,878.01, ending balance \$6,879.01 (outstanding \$100 check will bring checking balance to \$6, 779.01 once cashed).

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by D. St. Clair, second by T. McKenna. Approved by all.

Motion to pay \$100 to Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds \$100 for January building use by D. St. Clair, second by P. Bartosh. Approved by all.

Discussion about paying Fairground more than \$100 for February as GCBA will use building 4-5 evenings due to Beginner Beekeeping Classes plus Executive Meeting. L. Theurer reminds board the payment is a donation, not payment of an invoice. P. Bartosh recommends \$100. D. St. Clair moves to pay \$100 to fairgrounds in February, second by T. McKenna. Approved by all.

D. St. Clair moves to pay Kathy Smith, GCBA webmaster, \$120 for 2021 invoice plus an additional \$20 as a "tip." Second by P. Bartosh. Approved by all except B. Theurer who abstained.

Discussion about needing a member to take over the newsletter. Secretary will send a request to the membership before the next membership meeting.

B. Theurer motions to give Audrey Gargas a complimentary GCBA 2021 membership as a thank you for helping with the January Membership Meeting. Second by D. St. Clair. Approved by all.

Treasurer noted that some 2020 members opted to pay the full \$20 membership renewal fee as opposed to the special \$1 offered because of Covid.

D. St. Clair moves to allow Treasurer to order new checks second T. McKenna. Approved by all.

Treasurer did not move \$5000 from checking to savings because DNO (and possible Farm Bureau) insurance bills are coming due.

D. St. Clair moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by T. McKenna. Accepted by all.

Secretary's Report:

Joyce Masterson from Cleveland Metroparks will let GCBA know when we can renew our reservation of the Rocky River Nature Center auditorium for use of membership monthly meetings.

T. McKenna agreed to take all edits to the by-laws and consolidate them for the board to review at a later date.

S. Warder agreed to teach class 3 (and 2) of the Beginner Beekeeper Classes, in lieu of Rick Moranz.

Agreed that powerpoint of classes will be posted on GCBA website after classes have concluded.

For Beginner Beekeeping Classes T. McKenna agreed to bring projector and computer for powerpoint presentation, St. Clairs will bring screen.

Discussion of Membership Meeting topics beyond February. S. St. Clair will contact possible presenters for March and April.

NEW BUSINESS:

Secretary will work with Kathy Smith on areas of the website that need updating: swarm removal, beekeeping mentors, online payment, "contact us" recipient, delete old sponsors and vendors page, ability to return to the home page from "Shop GCBA Logo Wear."

President L. Theurer will contact Executive Board members about the date for February Executive Board Meeting.

Motion to adjourn D. St. Clair, second by B. Theurer

Time: 8:32pm