

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

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Cuyahoga County Fair Grounds



Board Attendance:	Present	Absent
Denzil St. Clair, President	X	
Mike Stark, Vice President		X
Sarah Alonso, Secretary	X	
Brenda Theurer, Treasurer	X	
Phil, Bartosh, Past President	X	
Laura Brown	X	
Joe Petrek		X
Quorum Established		

Guests
Tom Kennish
Shelia St. Clair
Michael Alonso
Jan Petrek

Meeting officially called to order at 6:39pm

Treasurer Report

Brenda Theurer

- a. All checks prior to November 30, 2022 were cashed and the November service charge from the bank has been credited back to our account. The total balance of the GCBA checking account is \$1628.37.
- b. Currently Mr. Bartosh is the secondary signer on the GCBA bank accounts. Ms. Theurer will need to work with Mr. Bartosh and the bank to remove his name. The board reviewed the current by-laws and in Article X it states, "Only officers authorized by the board can make withdrawals or deposits." Mr. Petrek volunteered to be the secondary signer for the GCBA accounts. He will work with Ms. Theurer to complete the required paperwork.
- c. Ms. Theurer informed the board she has not received any information from West Bend regarding our renewal. When she spoke with West Bend, she learned, the broker GCBA was dealing with is no longer with the company. As well, the company had wrong information for GCBA. Ms. Theurer corrected the information and will update the board on renewal at the January meeting.

Motion to Approve Treasurer Report

Motion: Joe Petrek; Seconded by: Laura Brown

Motion passes unanimously

Secretary Report

Sarah Alonso

- a. Ms. Alonso briefly reviewed the minutes from November and confirmed that she made the proper edits requested by Ms. Theurer.
- b. Ms. Alonso asked Mrs. St. Clair if she was able to get in contact with the students from Case Western Reserve regarding the creation of Lego beehives. Mrs. St. Clair was able to get in contact with Winston, the head of the Lego Club. She let him know that GCBA is interested and spoke to him about World Bee Day. Mr. Bartosh was also very interested in helping with the Lego Project. Once Mrs. St. Clair has more information she will let the board know.
- c. Ms. Alonso then informed the board she has been receiving emails regarding the February Beekeeping Classes. We have a handful of people that will attend the classes. She will deliver the registration forms to Ms. Theurer at the January meeting.

Motion to Approve Secretary Report

Motion: Joe Petrek; Seconded by: Laura Brown

Motion passes unanimously

Appointment to Fill Vacancies

Denzil St. Clair

- a. Mr. St. Clair stated that he would like a board member to place a motion on the table to appoint Michael Alonso as the new GCBA Vice President and for Sarah Alonso to continue as Secretary for 2023. Mr. Petrek stated that he would make the motion.

Motion to Approve Appointment of Mr. Alonso as Vice President GCBA Secretary for 2023.

Motion: Joe Petrek; Seconded by: Sarah Alonso

Motion passes

Motion to Approve Appointment of Ms. Alonso to GCBA Secretary for 2023.

Motion: Joe Petrek; Seconded by: Laura Brown

Motion passes

World Bee Day

Shelia St. Clair

- a. Mrs. St. Clair stated that the World Bee Representatives were unable to come look at the Fair Grounds during the month of December due to accident and illness. They are planning to come out in January to see the Grounds and to begin planning for May.
- b. Mrs. St. Clair will be looking for volunteers to help with the weekend-long World Bee Day Celebration at the Fair Grounds. Mr. Kennish asked about the decorated beehives and if they will be placed in the bee yard. Mrs. St. Clair stated the beehives are GCBA's and we can place them wherever we see fit. A

brief conversation was held surrounding the bee equipment in the GCBA's storage. Mrs. St. Clair stated that the stored equipment can be cleaned up and repainted for use. At a prior meeting GCBA member, Eric Manthey, stated that we would help maintain the bee yard. One of the board members will need to show him the current equipment so that he can formulate a plan as we move into Spring.

January Membership Meeting

Shelia St. Clair

- a. Mrs. St. Clair reminded the board that at the January meeting we will be presenting on wax rendering. Mrs. St. Clair will cook the wax capping she has at home and will bring it to the meeting. Mr. Kennish will assist Mrs. St. Clair with the presentation. He would like the class to be hands-on and interactive.

Beginner Beekeeping Classes

Denzil St. Clair

- a. Mr. St. Clair recapped the plan for the February Beekeeping Classes. Discussion took place regarding who would be willing to teach a class. We may have three instructors, but will need four to ensure each session is accounted for, Mr. Bartosh is currently reviewing the curriculum. There was brief discussion on Randy Leiby speaking in February.
- b. Mr. St. Clair reiterated the current members of the GCBA need to be more involved in the association. He stated there are many projects that need to be completed that need member involvement. Requests for volunteers could be made at the beginning of the meetings.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:19pm

Motion: Joe Petrek Seconded: Sarah Alonso

Motion Passes

Next Regular Board Meeting Scheduled
Wednesday, January 18, 2023
Cuyahoga County Fair Ground