

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

Wednesday, December 20, 2023
Cuyahoga County Fair Grounds



Board Attendance:	Present	Absent
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
Jan Petrek
Adam Price
Shelia St. Clair

Meting officially called to order at 6:32pm

Treasurer Report

Brenda Theurer

- a. Ms. Theurer stated that we currently have \$9,063.24 in savings and \$884.95 in checking however the actual is \$903.75.
- b. At November’s meeting the 50/50 raffles was \$40. Eric Manthey won and donated his winnings back to GCBA.
- c. Ms. Theurer reported that Mr. Heaton’s check expired, and she has reissued a new one. Mr. Alonso’s check also expired, however the amount of Mr. Alonso’s reimbursement will be donated to GCBA.
- d. Ms. Theurer distributed bank statements outlining the current Square deposits. She is trying to figure out why there are different amounts being deposited for the same charge, i.e. \$19.12 and \$19.72. After much discussion, it was found that we were being undercharged and will leave it.

Motion to Approve Treasurer Report

Motion: Joe Petrek; Seconded by Charles Heaton Abstain-Brenda Theurer

Motion passes

Secretary Report

S. Alonso

- a. Ms. Therurer noted a mistake in the November minutes and would like them to be amended.

- b. Mr. Alonso will reach out to Bob with the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds with our meeting dates and ask that they be posted on the website.
- c. 35 people attended the Holiday Party. This attendance is typical for the Holiday Party due to members having other obligations.

Motion to Approve the November Minutes after amendments have been made.

Motion: Brenda Theurer; Seconded by Joe Petrek

Motion passes unanimously

Beginning Beekeeping Classes

M. Alonso

- a. Mike Alonso and Andy Kawac have volunteered to present at the upcoming beekeeping classes. We will need to reach out to two more members. Mrs. St. Clair suggested that we talk to specific people instead of requesting speakers to the whole group. Mr. St. Clair stated that he would like to see a woman teach one of the classes.
 - a. Mr. St. Clair stated that he will bring a dead-out to the regular February meeting to dissect with members.
- b. Ms. Alonso stated that the pass exit surveys have showed that students want more of a hands on class. They want to see what the presenters are talking about. Mr. Price also stated that when he was in the class, he would have liked a mentor or someone who would be willing to help him outside of monthly meetings. Mr. St. Clair stated that many clubs have problems getting a mentorship program up and running due to various reasons. He suggested that we put it out to the membership to see if there are people willing to mentor new beekeepers. If there is an interest, Mr. St. Clair stated that he is willing to find a speaker to talk to them about mentorship. He suggested that we find no more than 4-5 people to start.
- c. Ms. Alonso has started to reach out to vendors for catalogs, magazines and door prizes or the class. She will work with Katherine and <+Mrs. St. Clair on updating the flyer and posting it on the website and social media.

New Business

S. St. Clair

- a. Ms. Therurer stated that the D & O insurance is asking for the occupations of all board members. She passed around a document for members to fill in.
- b. Mrs. St. Clair gave Ms. Alonso, Dr. Tracy Farone contact information as a possible speaker to present on Queen Rearing. As well as the suggestion on reaching out to the Ohio Department of Inspection.
- c. All of the goals that were set for the Bee Yard have been accomplished—however there is always more that can be done.

- d. Mrs. St. Clair stated that we should consider fundraising for a big bee balloon that we can have at Fair or during World Bee Day.

Newsletter

- a. Ms. Herzberger sent a message to Ms. Alonso suggesting that we highlight the board members in the January newsletter. The board liked the suggestion, however suggested that we highlight members of GCBA not just the board. Mr. Alonso will start off the year and then we will work through the members.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:33pm

Motion: Denzil St. Clair; Seconded by Sarah Alonso

Motion passes unanimously

Next Regular Board Meeting Scheduled
Wednesday, January 17, 2023
Cuyahoga County Fair Ground