

## The Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 16, 2021

Time Called to Order: 6:30pm

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

Presiding Officer: Larry Theurer

Absent Board Members: None

Quorum Present: Yes

Guests: Sheila St. Clair

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### Treasurer's report:

Savings balance \$13,007.70, ending balance \$13,007.92. Checking balance \$6,879.01, ending balance \$7,397.01 (\$713.00 in deposits from class registrations and membership renewals, outstanding \$100 check). Treasurer reports still waiting to move \$5000 from checking to savings because of insurance bill coming due soon. Treasurer received new checks with address change. Treasurer raised issue of class registrant who wanted a refund, S. Warder made a motion to refund check, S. Maurer second, all approved except B. Theurer abstained. (Treasurer gave registration and uncashed check to Secretary for return to registrant Fishbaugh.) Treasurer raised issue of some membership renewals for \$1.00 but registrant is not on the roster of current member. D. St. Clair made a motion to accept the \$1.00 renewals and assume an oversight on behalf of membership roster accuracy, T. McKenna second, all in favor. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by D. St. Clair, second by P. Bartosh. Approved by all.

#### Secretary's Report:

Secretary raised issue of using email for decision making on the cost of the Beekeeping for Dummies books and paying Joe Kovalski \$300 for his presentation in March. Secretary has retained all email conversations for historical purposes and board agreed to address decisions made by email during review of the By-Laws. D. St. Clair made motion to accept Secretary Report, second by T. McKenna, approved by all.

### OLD BUSINESS:

D. St. Clair made motion for Secretary to send an email to the membership to solicit a volunteer to take over the newsletter, second by S. Maurer, all approved. Secretary will request from Webmaster, Kathy Smith, that she remove her name from correspondence to the membership so that all posts to the website go through the President or the Secretary.

Board agreed to discuss Articles I and II at the next board meeting.

Board agreed NOT to post Beginner Beekeeping Class PowerPoints on website or Facebook.

President proposed renewing long-standing Farm Bureau insurance policy for the board members, as FB has been a long-time supporter of GCBA and annually donates about \$1200 to the association. D. St. Clair moves to accept renewal of insurance policy, second B. Theurer, approved by all. Treasurer will provide copy of insurance policy at the next opportunity.

Treasurer updated board on D&O insurance status. 1 Mil liability insurance for the association, local company in Strongsville, OH, approximately \$1,200/year.

T. McKenna made motion to pay \$300 to Joe Kovalski, second by S. Warder, approved by all.

Discussion of upcoming monthly meeting topics: D. St. Clair will contact John Rose for April to discuss varoa mites. D. St. Clair will also do a live install before commencement of regular meeting in April.

P. Bartosh volunteered to do a smoker demonstration before monthly meetings, starting around 6:15pm.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Board agreed to plan a Field Day at the Fairgrounds, using the hives presently established on the grounds, on Saturday, May 15. Field Day will start at about 10am, D. St. Clair suggested the board ask the county inspectors to give morning presentations followed by hive inspections in the afternoon. D. St. Clair will contact the inspectors, L. Theurer will contact Dennis Eck at the Fairgrounds to confirm use of the grounds and hives.

Motion to adjourn D. St. Clair, second by P. Bartosh.

Time: 8:31pm