

GCBA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2021

Called to Order: 6:38pm

Board Members Present: Sarah Marie, Sheila Mauer, Brenda Theuer, Larry Theuer, Shannon Warder

Board Members Absent: Phil Bartosh, Tracy McKenna, Denzil St. Clair

Guests: Michelle Killen-Keith

Quorum: Yes

Treasurer Report: June Savings, no withdrawals or deposits other than interest, beginning balance \$13,008.77, ending balance 13,008.98. June Checking total of \$306.37 paid out for reimbursements for PA system and field day expenses and donations to fairground for building use. Deposits of \$727, ending balance \$5972.15 (outstanding \$131 check to QRC). Treasurer has detailed statements of accounts on file.

Sheila M. made motion to accept Treasurer report, Sarah M. seconded, all in favor.

Secretary Report: Non items of note to bring to the board.

Brenda T. made motion to accept Board Minutes from May, June, and July. Sheila M. seconded, all in favor.

Old Business: Sarah M. reported 7 tshirts sold at picnic and 1 at fair. Two hats sold. Sarah M. asked board to approve giving all fair booth volunteers a tshirt or hat to show gratitude and to encourage future involvement.

Discussion: Sarah M reported she came under budget when purchasing hats/tshirts. Shannon W. reported tshirts were given to volunteers at the 2019 fair. Larry T. commented GCBA did not spend money reimbursement to the fair for the Aug membership meeting as anticipated, suggested those savings could pay for tshirts. Sarah M. reported it would cost the association about \$350 to give each volunteer a tshirt or hat. Board agreed to keep the offer simple and offer just one color and style of tshirt.

Shannon W. made motion to give a tshirt or a hat to the active members who worked the fair booth (for any amount of hours), with the board having the option to review the list of volunteers. Sheila M. seconded, all in favor. Shannon W. will

provide a list of the volunteers' emails to Sarah M. so she may contact them for sizes/preferences.

Sarah M. is in contact with webmaster Kathy and will update the GCBA website with the new gear and remove Hometown Threads.

New Business: Larry T. reported he was approached at the fair by the Cavaliers marketing personnel about GCBA hosting an association night at the Cavs. Board discussed the monthly membership attendance needs to increase more before looking into this event.

Board discussed deadline and publishing dates of the newsletter. New deadline for submission of material to the editor is now the 25th of every month and the newsletter will be published in the Secretary's email that is sent out 2 days prior to the monthly membership meeting.

Board discussed the fair booth. All went well. Larry T. reported the one problem of not having a list of the volunteers' names so he could give passes to the entry gate each day. Attendance to the booth was reported to be somewhat slow during the weekdays but very busy on the weekend. GCBA received 97 names on the Beginner Beekeeping Classes 2022 sign up sheet. Shannon W. will send out an email to those people to invite them to the remainder membership meetings in 2021.

September membership meeting: Peggy Garnes speaking about winter prep. Shannon W. will contact Peggy and confirm her presentation and obtain a bio for the website.

October membership meeting: Denzil S. will research a speaker.

November membership meeting: Larry T. has contacted Dan Zikursh of Three Sips Brewery about speaking about mead production.

Brenda T. reported she called Joyce Masterson at the Rocky River Nature Center to inquire about when GCBA could return to using their facility. Joyce said they still do not know. Shannon W. reported she is in routine contact with Joyce and as mid-July Joyce did not have any more information about when use of the nature facility would resume but she assured Shannon W. she would contact GCBA.

Larry T. reported the fairground board thanks GCBA for the monthly donation of \$100 for use of the bee barn and building 25 but they do not want to association to continue giving the money.

Board discussed January 2022 membership meeting topic could be alternative ways to present honey (Ross Rounds, comb, etc).

Board discussed it is not too early to secure a speaker for May 2022 Field Day. Larry T. said he will ask Jim Tew when he sees him at the LCBA Sep 11 event.

Board agreed to push back By-Law amending to the Sep board meeting.

Open Discussion: Sheila M. asked if the blocks of time to work the fair booth should be increased to 4 hours instead of 2. All present were in agreement and suggested offering the incentive next year of volunteering 4 hours to receive a tshirt.

Larry T. will recognize all the volunteers who worked the fair booth at the Sep membership meeting. Sarah M will give tshirts/hats if they have come in by then.

Motion to adjourn: Shannon W., Sarah M. seconded, all in favor.

Time: 8:26pm