

**GCBA Executive Meeting
Wednesday, July 21, 2021**

Call the Meeting to Order

Larry called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Board Members Present

Larry	Brenda	Sarah
Tracy	Sheila M.	Denzil
Phil (arrived at 6:58 p.m.)		

Absent: Shannon

Guests Present

Sheila S.

Quorum Established? Yes.

Treasurer's Report

Brenda stated she has no financial report for May or June as she has not received bank statements.

Brenda made a bank transfer of \$50 from checking to savings to keep the savings account from going dormant.

Secretary's Report

Tracy gave report due to Shannon's absence.

- No new correspondence has been received.
- Tax forms have been distributed to Jon Reichel and Queen Right Colonies for their donations.
- A thank you note has been sent to the Farm Bureau for their contribution to field day.
- Community Outreach – 2 presentations were given (1) Shannon spoke at a senior citizen's home in Reminderville with 15 people in attendance; and (2) Tracy spoke at the Jenkins Place Community Center in Olmsted Township with 5 people in attendance.
- 164 members are currently on the active list.

Larry asked if an email has been sent to the membership inquiring about coming to meetings.

Sarah requested copy of PowerPoint being used by Shannon and Tracy for community outreach presentations. Tracy to share with Board.

Old Business

Swag: Sarah discussed t-shirts and hats. 12 hats were purchased, 11 remain in inventory to be sold for \$20 each. 7 t-shirts remain in inventory to be sold for \$20. Several shirts were sold at the picnic. Shirts will be sold at membership meetings and advertised at the Fair. Sarah will handle sales during her shifts only. Brenda questioned the need for a vendor's license to sell at the Fair. Larry stated we cannot sell at the Fair. Tracy suggested using Venmo/PayPal to handle sales. This will be discussed at a later time.

Discussion about keeping Hometown threads on the website or removing them. Sarah will follow up with Shannon to make any changes.

MOTION: Sarah moved to remove Hometown Threads from GCBA website and replace information with new shirts and hats, including Sarah's contact information for questions regarding swag.

Second: Brenda

All in favor – MOTION PASSED

Sarah reported pricing for magnets: approximately 3 in. x 5 in. magnets cost \$3.50 for 50 pieces (\$175). Tracy priced magnets on Sticker Mule, 3 in. x 3 in. are \$81/50 or 4 in. x 4 in are \$101/50. Will revisit magnets in September, Larry asked for a reminder. Will possibly survey the membership.

Meeting Time Limits

Discussion regarding setting time limits for discussion of agenda items. Suggestion of 15 minutes (or an appropriate time for the subject at hand) with the option to extend the time by motion if necessary or table the issue. It was suggested that the agenda be provided prior to the meeting for review and to prepare comments for efficiency. Also discussed ending executive meetings by 8:30 p.m. Sheila M. suggested a Consent Agenda for approving board minutes and other items that do not need a detailed discussion.

Newsletter

Discussion regarding due date for submissions is August 1.

Membership Meetings

Building 25 is not available for the August 11 membership meeting. Sheila S. suggested holding the meeting in the bee yard at the fairgrounds. Denzil suggested reimbursing members their fair entrance fee (max 2 members per family) to attend the meeting. Sheila M. and Phil will present removing honey supers from hives (fume board, escape board, brush), uncapping and extracting, storing honey supers/frames after extraction. Meeting to start at 6:30 p.m. Larry received permission from the fairground for the GCBA to hold this meeting.

MOTION: Denzil moved to pay Fair entrance fee (\$8) for the GCBA membership, up to 2 family members, to attend an educational presentation in the bee yard for the August 11 meeting.

Second: Tracy

All in favor – MOTION PASSED

Discussion regarding advertising the meeting on FaceBook, in the Newsletter and via email. Members only will be allowed in the bee yard. All attendees must sign in prior to entering the bee yard. The sign-in sheet will include a disclaimer at the top regarding the potential danger of being in a bee yard. Discussion regarding whether or not to *require* veils in the bee yard. Members will be reimbursed their entrance fee prior to the meeting.

The GCBA will host Peggy Garnes for the September meeting. Peggy will discuss winter preparation. She requested reimbursement for gas in exchange for her time for presenting.

Discussion regarding future meeting subjects: bee biology, growing an apiary, apitherapy. Request topics of interests from membership via the newsletter.

Denzil will reach out to contacts to present bee biology for the October meeting.

Larry to contact Dan Zikursh for the November meeting. Mead making will be the topic for the meeting.

Denzil would like to do something different for the December meeting. He would like to do something fun and entertaining. No speaker. Possibly a silent auction. Will discuss further at next meeting.

Larry stated he will check in with the Metro Parks regarding timing for resuming meetings at the Nature Center.

Fair

Sheila S. showed the plaques for the fair entry winners. All plaques given to Larry. Tracy will deliver paper and paper cutter to Shannon for fair decorations. Phil ordered a Cuyahoga County street map for use at the fair. Will discuss booth set up closer to fair time. Sheila describe booth set up and decorations.

Larry will need a complete list of volunteers for the fair so he can ensure the proper number of tickets are available. Volunteers must enter the Fair at Gate 3.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes must be approved for the past meetings.

Bylaws

The revision of the bylaws has been tabled until September.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Denzil moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.
Second: Phil
All in favor – MOTION PASSED