

**GCBA Executive Meeting
Wednesday, March 16, 2022**

Call the Meeting to Order

Denzil called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

Board Members Present

Denzil St. Clair, Phil Bartosh, Brenda Theurer, Shannon Warder, Sarah Marie, Joe Petrek, Tom Kennish (2022 Fair Chair)

Board Members Absent

Mike Stark, Laura Brown

Guests Present

Sheila St. Clair, Mike Alonso, Jan Petrek

Quorum Established? Yes.

Motion: Joe to accept Secretary's report from February

Second: Phil

All in Favor, motion passed

Treasurer's Report

Savings: beginning balance \$13060.41, \$022 interest, ending balance \$13060.61

Checking: beginning balance \$2085.15, ending balance \$2085.15

50/50 winner from 4 beginner class meetings were: 2/2/22 Tom Kennish-winnings \$34, 2/9/22 Joe Petrek-winnings \$39, 2/16/22 Tom Kennish-winnings \$62, 2/23/22 Doug O'Conke-winnings \$37. March 9, 2022 50/50 winner Robert Sullivan \$47.

Rob Kostya won the raffle drawing for the beginner beekeeping kit

Motion: Shannon to accept Treasurer Report

Second: Sarah

All in favor, Brenda abstained, motion passed

Brenda reports D&O Insurance policy bill will be due 3/23/22. She clarified the insurance covers the Bee Barn because GCBA holds events in it.

Motion: Joe to pay D&O Insurance

Second: Phil

All in Favor, motion passed

Motion: Shannon to retroactively sell the Beekeepers for Dummies books for \$25.00 as opposed to retail of \$24.95

Second: Phil

All in Favor, motion passed

Motion: Shannon to retroactively sell one copy of Beekeepers for Dummies book to Phil Bartosh at cost (\$13.95) for use in creating the class slide presentations

Second: Sarah

All in Favor, motion passed

Secretary's Report

Number of people in attendance at the March 9, 2022 regular membership meeting: 58
Continuing to work with Katherine at Cravener-Holmes and current webmaster Kathy Smith to start transition of website from Kathy Smith to CH Creatives. Have made progress and discovered Valerie Eck is owner of the domain with Go Daddy. Valerie will work with GCBA to transition ownership/control of the domain to GCBA. In the meantime, the website is on pause, no new information is being posted until CH Creatives takes over.

Shannon reported GCBA has 9 requests for public engagements. She will send detailed information to the board via email and include Audrey Gargas from LCBA.

Old Business

Brenda requests the board make a decision on renewing Farm Bureau memberships. Denzil moved discussion to the end of the meeting.

Upcoming meetings:

April Don Schramm confirmed

Motion: Shannon to budget \$500 to cover Don Schramm's travel and speaker costs

Second: Joe

All in favor, motion passed

May regular meeting Denzil will find a speaker

May Field Day, Jim Tew confirmed, Shannon will find out his presentation topic

June Richard Lyle confirmed

July Dr. Gardiner's graduate student pending confirmation

August Extraction presentation at the fairgrounds

September John Rose

Tom is waiting for more information from radio stations for PSAs.

By-Laws revision meeting scheduled for March 28, 6pm at Middleburg Heights Panera Bread

Phil will take over doing Rocky River nature Center quarterly presentations.

Shannon will work with Katherine at CH Creative to develop a GCBA Field Day flyer, mostly for social media, few in print.

Sarah presented more information about cost/size for GCBA stickers and decals. Guest Mike Alonso voiced he thinks the car magnets with GCBA spelled out are most appealing. Tom Kennish will continue to work on getting final product and quote.

Sheila updated the board on progress with transforming the Bee Barn and Bee Yard. Dennis Eck has confirmed GCBA may get new signs, new landscaping, invite other booths to display in the barn during the fair.

New Business

Field Day, board agreed to do smoker contest, queen marking contest, bee race. Also to provide food.

Motion: Shannon to have GCBA supply hot dogs, buns, chili, condiments, popcorn and water for free, soda for \$1

Second: Joe

All in favor, motion passed

Discussion of Farm Bureau memberships resumed. Board members concerned of being in violation of the By-Laws by receiving the benefits of the membership. Brenda reported Farm Bureau wants the memberships rather than just a donation so that they have the numbers to put forth for delegates to the state.

Motion: Shannon to not renew the Farm Bureau memberships for the board and to not engage on any monetary transactions with Farm Bureau

Second: Joe

All in favor: Shannon, Phil, Joe

Abstain: Sarah

Against: Brenda

Motion passed

Shannon will send a letter to the POC at Farm Bureau notifying them of GCBA's decision.

Shannon will work on getting address labels for the tri-folds to cover up the old PO Box address.

Motion: Joe to adjourn meeting at 8:15pm

Second: Phil

All in favor, motion passed