

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

Wednesday, January 17, 2024  
Cuyahoga County Fair Grounds



<b>Board Attendance:</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mike Alonso, President	X	
Adam Price, 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	
<b>Quorum Established</b>		

<b>Guests</b>
Jan Petrek
Shelia St. Clair

**Meeting officially called to order at 6:33pm**

**Treasurer Report**

**Brenda Theurer**

- a. Ms. Theurer stated that we currently have \$9,063.32 in savings. With the deposit of square payments, 50/50 raffle and outstanding checks for hospitality and speaker fee the actual is \$995.85.
- b. The take for the 50/50 raffles was \$78. Rob Celenka won.
- c. Mr. Alonso asked Ms. Theurer for GCBA governing documents and bank statements.
- d. GCBA has an outstanding invoice to CH Creative for \$39 for work one on the flyer and website.
- e. Ms. Theurer would like to receive board approval now to pay the D & O Insurance so that it is not late.
- f. All monies received for the 2024 beekeeping class will be deposited the second week of February. A new member gave Ms. Theurer \$100 for the beekeeping class. Ms. Theurer explained the class is only \$50, so the member is buying a Beekeeping for Dummies book and donating the change to GCBA.

**Motion to Approve Treasurer Report**

Motion: Sarah Alonso; Seconded by Joe Petrek Abstain-Brenda Theurer

**Motion passes**

**Motion to Approve Payment to CH Creative in the Amount of \$39.00**

Motion: Sarah Alonso; Seconded by Adam Price

**Motion passes unanimously.**

**Motion to Approve Payment Upon Receipt Up to \$1700 for the D&O Insurance**

Motion: Adam Price; Seconded by Joe Petrek

**Motion passes unanimously.**

**Secretary Report**

**S. Alonso**

- a. Ms. Alonso let the board know that Neal Klabunde would like to speak to the club about Hives for Heros. This is an organization that works with veterans and teaches them to become beekeepers. Mr. St. Clair stated that from March to May we must talk about spring management and swarm prevention. He suggested that Neal speak in June.
- b. Mr. St. Clair told the group about LCBA's program called "In the Garden with Bees." This group teaches members about queen rearing. He suggested that we consider doing the same.
- c. The group decided that in March we will find a speaker to discuss swarm prevention and spring management. Ms. Alonso will reach out to Jamie Walters to see if he knows of anyone. April's meeting will be on Queen Rearing.

**Motion to Approve the Secretary's Report**

Motion: Adam Price Seconded by Charles Heaton

**Motion passes unanimously.**

**Beginning Beekeeping Classes**

**M. Alonso**

- a. Mr. Petrek will set up tables and chairs for each class. Speakers for all four sessions are confirmed. Ms. Petrek and Ms. Alonso will buy items for the goody bags.
- b. Queen Right will donate several items for giveaways and raffles. We have received additional donations from Lil' Morsels, Dadant, and The American Bee Journal, and honey from Mr. Heaton.
- c. Mrs. St. Clair stated that she has Beekeeping for Dummy Books that she can bring to the meetings to sell. Ms. Theurer let the group know that she currently has 6 books we can sell.
- d. We will raffle off the Beginner Beekeeping set from Queen Right and will sell squares for the hive donated from Lil' Morsels.

**Motion to Approve \$200 on Goody Bags**

Motion: Denzil St. Clair Seconded by Adam Price

**Motion passes unanimously.**

## **New Business**

**S. St. Clair**

- a. Adam Price will be featured in the next newsletter along with the World Bee Day flyer. The flyer will be in the newsletter until May.
- b. Mr. Heaton agreed to do a cooking with honey demo for World Bee Day.
- c. Mrs. St. Clair reported that she spoke with Eric Manthey about cleaning up the current bee equipment that the club owns. Most of the equipment is junk and should be thrown out. All good boxes should be repainted.
- d. Mrs. St. Clair stated that she would like to call around to find a large bee balloon for a mascot. If she is unable to find one, she would like to hold a fundraiser. The balloon would cost between \$3,000-\$4,000.
- e. There will be a plant exchange in May
- f. Ms. Alonso would like to have a budget per month to purchase small giveaways at each meeting.
- g. Phil would like to take people out to do hive inspections this summer. He would like the announcement to be put in the newsletter.
- h. Ms. Theurer stated that many years ago GCBA's website was a .org and from some reason was changed to a .com. She would like to know how much it would be to purchase the .org. Ms. Alonso stated she would ask.

### **Motion to Approve a Budget of \$25 Per Month for Door Prizes**

Motion: Sarah Alonso; Seconded by Joe Petrek

**Motion passes unanimously.**

### **Motion to Adjourn at 7:58 pm**

Motion: Denzil St. Clair; Seconded by Sarah Alonso

**Motion passes unanimously.**

Next Regular Board Meeting Scheduled  
**Wednesday, March 20, 2024**  
**Cuyahoga County Fair Ground**