

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

Wednesday, June 19, 2023
Cuyahoga County Fair Grounds



Board Attendance:	Present	Absent
Mike Alonso, President	X	
Phil Bartosh, 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	
Quorum Established		

Guests
Jan Petrek
Shelia St. Clair
Amanda Herzberger

Meting officially called to order at 6:32pm

Treasurer Report

Brenda Theurer

- a. Ms. Theurer reviewed the current bank statement.
 - o Savings balance: \$9062.86
 - o Checking: \$2224.12
 - o Total spent on picnic: \$185.12

Motion to Approve Treasurer Report

Motion: Joe Petrek: Seconded by: Charles Heaton

Motion passes with one abstain (Brenda Theurer)

Secretary Report

S. Alonso

- a. Ms. Alonso had nothing to report due to not being at the previous meeting. Ms. Herzberger took the June minutes

Motion to Approve May Minutes

Motion: Joe Petrek Seconded by Charles Heaton

Motion passes unanimously

Cuyahoga County Fair

S. St. Clair

- a. The sign on the front of the Bee Barn needs to be moved up due to the Joyce's building being placed in front of it during fair week. Mr. Eck did not tell Mrs. St. Clair how high it will be moved
- b. A 50" monitor with a camera will be set up during the August meeting so the crowd can see Charles's demonstration. The hope is to also use the monitor and camera during extractions throughout the week.
- c. Ms. Alonso let the group know that volunteer slots are filling very slowly and that there are still lots of gaps throughout the week. Ms. Alonso will continue to send reminders encourage members to volunteer.
 - o The request for a volunteer for the Zabava has been filled.
- d. We need to get our banner idea to Katherine so she can get the banner out for printing before fair.
 - o Mr. Bartosh would like to update the map of beekeepers
 - o We have plenty of information that can be set out on the tables.
 - o Mr. Alonso will work with Mr. Eck to get tickets for the volunteers
 - o Ms. Alonso will have sign-up sheets ready for the October Beekeeping Class

Motion to Approve Purchase of a Banner for Fair-Cost to be under \$100

Motion: Mike Alonso; Seconded: Sarah Alonso

Motion Passes

October Beekeeping Class

B. Theurer

- a. Ms. Theurer would like to discuss the 2022 October Beginner Beekeeping class. She felt that the participants did not receive anything for the money they paid for the class.
- b. Mr. St. Clair stated that he wanted the 2022 to be a Beginner Beekeeping classes but the previous board stated that it should just be an overview. The participants should also receive a 2024 membership with the \$50 they spend for the class.
 - o Mr. Alonso disagreed and stated the class should be an overview and not the full class.
 - o Mr. Bartosh stated that he has already booked the September speaker, Jay Hadem, to speak about winter prep. The speaker fee, for Mr. Hadem is \$125.00

Motion to Approve a \$125 fee paid to Jay Hadem for Speaking at the September Meeting

Motion: Brenda Theurer; Seconded: Laura Brown

Motion Passes

Motion to Approve a Full 6 hour Beginner Beekeeping Class with a meal, a 2023 and 2024 membership to GCBA for \$50

Motion: Denzil St. Clair; Seconded: Joe Petrek

Motion Passes

New Business

S. St. Clair

- a. The artwork for the banners has arrived Mrs. St. Clair sent the cost out to everyone.
- b. Mrs. St. Clair that she may have a potential donor to donate and install the garden gate.
- c. Received a gift card from Pettite's for \$100 and would like someone to use it to purchases a small ornamental tree, bush, or other decoration for the Pollinator Garden.
- d. Mrs. St. Clair also received a donation of \$650 for flowers that was split between GCBA and LCBA.
- e. Queen Right donated a smoker and veil to GCBA. Ms. Alonso will send an acknowledgement to Queen Right.

Motion to Approve Cost of the Banner

Motion: Sarah Alonso ; Seconded: Phil Bartosh

Motion passes with one abstain (Brenda Theurer)

Fair Week

M. Alonso

- a. Mr. Heaton, will present at the fair. It will last approximately 30 minutes creating a beverage and simple snack. Needs cups, ingredients, and cupcake papers.
- b. Previous years there has been speakers throughout the day. No one is scheduled for this year.
- c. We will need to coordinate with the Fair Board the time of the extraction
 - a. Mr. Bartosh will be at the fair Wednesday through Saturday to extract frames. He will also work with the Fair Board to get times.
 - b. We may be able to use some of the frames from the outside hives. Ideally Mr. Bartosh would like to extract two frames per night.
 - c. Mr. Petrek stated that it would be a good idea to record the extraction and play it throughout the day.

Motion to Approve \$150 for the Demonstration Materials for August's Meeting

Motion: Denzil St. Clair; Seconded: Joe Petrek

Motion passes

Old Business

M. Alonso

- a. GCBA Clothing
 - o Vendor was out of town but will have an update at the next meeting.
- b. Mr. Theurer would like to discuss the bee yard. She has some issues with paying for flowers, signs, maintenance and other items if the bees in the yard are not our.

- Mrs. St. Clair stated that this was previously discussed. GCBA has a presence at the fairgrounds and the bee yard belongs to us.
- Mr. Bartosh stated that two hives in the yard were swarms caught by Mr. Manthey.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:34pm

Motion: Denzil St. Clair; Seconded: Charles Heaton

Motion Passes

Next Regular Board Meeting Scheduled
Wednesday, August 16, 2023
Cuyahoga County Fair Ground