

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

Wednesday, My 17, 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
Eric Manthey
Amanda Herzberger

Meting officially called to order at 6:34pm

Treasurer Report

Brenda Theurer

- a. Ms. Theurer reviewed the current bank statement.
 - o Savings balance: \$9062.72
 - o Checking opening balance: \$3551.34
 - o April and May checks total: \$517.43
 - o Outstanding check balance: \$567.67
 - o Deposits total: \$243.00
 - o Sub total: \$2880.91
- b. June meeting 50/50: Total \$106, split 53, Brenda was winner
- c. World Beed Day
 - o Budget spent: \$321.73
 - o Total food sales: \$157.00
 - o Have \$137 of purchased food left over that we can carry over to the picnic
- d. Current active balance: \$2,526.24
- e. Mr. Bartosh procured the license for 1 day food sales from the board of health for \$35 and donated it to GCBA for World Bee Day. Thank you, Phil!

Motion to Approve Treasurer Report

Motion: Joe Petrek: Seconded by: Laura Brown

Motion passes with one abstain (Brenda Theurer)

Secretary Report

A. Herzberger

- a. 53 members attended June meeting, which is consistent with past meeting attendance.
- b. Ms. Theurer posed the question whether we would have higher attendance if we were at the Rocky River Nature Center.
 - o Mr. Alonso reminded everyone that GCBA would have to pay for it, we have greater value here, and proximity of parking, bee yard is here.
 - o Topic of having fundraisers for nicer equipment (ex. chairs) came up to improve overall attendee experience. If we wanted to pursue this, we would have to start by talking to fairgrounds at a fair board meeting and see what we could do in terms of secure storage.
 - o Decision: table this discussion for the time being.

Motion to Approve May Minutes

Motion: Brenda Theurer Seconded by Joe Petrek

Motion passes unanimously

July Picnic

M. Alonso

- a. At the last meeting there was a motion approving \$500 food budget. Also have \$137 worth of food left over from World Bee Day
- b. Activities
 - o Alcohol wash demonstration at 5:30pm before the picnic
 - o "Speed dating" ice breaker
 - o Blind folded frame assembly – last year we did 6 frames/teams
 - o Bee races: charge for tickets, everyone bets on which color bee will win, then draw ticket from jar for those who chose the winning bee/color
 - o 50/50 raffle
 - o We are not getting a speaker
- c. Donated prizes - ONLY FOR WINNERS, no participation trophies.
 - o 12oz glass jars – Mr. Petrek will provide (previously bought by GCBA)
 - o Bottle of Wine – Mr. Heaton will donate
- d. Needed equipment
 - o Queen cages for bee race: Mr. Bartosh will talk with QRC about this
 - o Bee marking pens for bee race – Mr. Alonso
 - o Unassembled frames and foundation (6 frames worth) – Mr. Bartosh will look at what he has, send email to confirm
 - o Silverware, plates, tablecloths – Ms. Petrek to review inventory and send email confirming whether or not we have enough to cover the picnic
 - o Grill & Securing the pavilion – Mr. Alonso will talk with Mr. Eck

- Items still unaccounted for:
 - Blindfolds for frame assembly game
 - Nametags (sticky ones) to be procured by member and turn receipt into Ms. Theurer for reimbursement, pack of 100 should be enough
- e. Opportunities to promote Fair engagement and participation
 - Ask people to provide a “2023 Fair Motto” and then people vote for their favorite at the picnic. Look at past newsletters and Facebook to see what past fair mottos were for examples.
 - Have sign-ups for Fair volunteers: 4 hour shifts, you get a t-shirt and free entry to the fair. Last year we offered to extract honey during demonstration after your shift for those who volunteered, but we did not decide on whether to do it again this year.

New Business

M. Alonso

- a. August “speaker” is Mr Heaton at the Fair
- b. September speaker topic: winter prep
 - Mr. Bartosh will reach out to John Rose
- c. October idea: Audrey Gargas share recipe on making fondant?
- d. Ms. Theurer asks, in reference to reimbursement requests: why do we pay for bee equipment for the bee yard when we don’t officially own or profit from the bees?
 - We previously approved a budget for Mr. Manthey to work at the bee yard: \$200
 - Mr. Bartosh two are our own hives that we got from swarms and a split. Mr. Eck hive is only one specific hive.
 - Discussion tabled and requested to address topic at July board meeting for full board perspectives and agreement on approach.

Newsletter Updates

A. Herzberger

- a. July picnic topics to include
 - Where to park, what entrance to use
 - Food offered: hamburger, hot dog, condiments water, pop,
 - Food to bring: side dishes and desserts. If you have any specific dietary restrictions, please make your own arrangements. If you make something homemade, call out allergens.
 - Ms. Herzberger to reach out for photos from last year (check Facebook page or last year’s August newsletter)
 - Prompt with “fun bee related games” but do not be specific/ruin the surprise
 - Bring cash
 - We have picnic tables, no need for blankets and chairs
- b. Remove “special event in September” under GCBA events
- c. Keep fair chair and open position
- d. Recipe of month: beverage from Mr. Bartosh

Old Business

M. Alonso

- a. Mr. Alonso still needs to set up credit card reader/square - goal to have by next month.
- b. Fair chair: we have only had this position for 2 years. Before then, it used to always be a board member.
 - o One general issue we have had in past fairs was a list of people who were coming in at gate three and get the pass to be at the fair
- c. GCBA Clothing
 - o Proposed ideas: Polos, water bottle, coffee mug, t-shirts (dark color for Phil), zip-up hoodie, hats, women's t-shirts, dog bandanas, dog t-shirts.
 - o Stickers, magnets, car decals are usually bulk order only but Mike will enquire to get more information
 - o Mike to get pricing for proposed items and bring back to July board meeting for review
 - o We should be making around 20% profit from these items

Motion to Adjourn at 7:59pm

Motion: Joe Petrek; Seconded: Phil Bartosh

Motion Passes

Next Regular Board Meeting Scheduled
Wednesday, July 19, 2023
Cuyahoga County Fair Ground