

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

Wednesday, March 13, 2024
Cuyahoga County Fair Grounds



Board Attendance:	Present	Absent
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	
Quorum Established		

Guests
Jan Petrek
Shelia St. Clair
Eric Manthey

Meeting officially called to order at 6:33pm

Treasurer Report

Brenda Theurer

- a. Discussion was had regarding GCBA’s website have a “.org” instead of a “.com.” The move from .org to .com occurred when there was a transition in board members. Katherine, GCBA’s webmaster, has a difficult time getting the name we wanted. Mr. Price stated that it is not a lot of money to purchase the .org and that we should do it and link it to our existing site.

Motion to Approve the Purchase of greaterclevelandbeekeepersassociation.org up to \$15 per month.

Motion: Adam Price Seconded by Joe Petrek

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to Approve Payment to CH Creative-David Allen Carver-in the Amount of \$43.00

Motion: Adam Price; Seconded by Laura Brown

Motion passes unanimously.

Mrs. St. Clair brought in an invoice for the door prizes from the beekeeping class. She will turn it into Ms. Theurer next month.

Secretary Report

S. Alonso

- a. Ms. Alonso reviewed the exit survey results with the groups. The group discussed the feedback received and will work to incorporate the feedback into future classes.
- b. The group discussed mentorship again. Mr. Alonso has announced that GCBA is looking to start a mentorship program at two meetings and there has been no response. Ms. Herzberger stated that she would place a piece about mentorship in the newsletter and a brief explanation as to what it entails. Mr. Heaton stated that he would be willing to mentor a new beekeeper. Mr. St. Clair informed the group that LCBA has new beekeepers working in their bee yard. Mr. Manthey will set up a time before each member meeting for the membership to assist him in inspecting the hives. We will begin doing this before the April meeting.
- c. Mr. St. Clair stated that GCBA should have a written curriculum for queen rearing and hive split program. He asked Mr. Manthey to create this curriculum.
- d. April 13 GCBA will install new packages into the window hive and an empty hive in the yard. We will also split one of the hives. The installation will be announced before the April meeting.

Motion to Approve the Secretary's Report

Motion: Denzil St. Clair; Seconded by Adam Price

Motion passes unanimously.

Bee Yard Beautification

S. St. Clair

- a. Mrs. St. Clair informed the group that Petitti's Garden may offer GCBA perennials and a small flowering tree for the bee yard.
- b. The group needs to plan a day when the weather is more predictable to clean up the bee yard, polyurethane the mural and paint the posts. This can be done in May.

New Business

S. St. Clair

- a. Mrs. St. Clair let the group know that Phil Bartosh, Denzil St. Clair, and Brenda Theurer are all admins on the GCBA's Facebook page. If we want items posted, please send to them.
- b. Mr. Alonso stated that he would reach out to Ms. Sulandari to confirm World Bee Day is on the Fairground marquee. Mrs. St. Clair stated that the request for volunteers for WBD needs to go in the newsletter and a reminder at the April meeting. Ms. Alonso stated that she would create a Google form for membership to sign up to volunteer.
- c. Regular membership meetings will be in the Bee Barn starting in May .

Motion to Adjourn at 7:38 pm

Motion: Sarah Alonso; Seconded by Denzil St. Clair

Motion passes unanimously.

Next Regular Board Meeting Scheduled
Wednesday, April 17, 2024
Cuyahoga County Fair Ground