

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

Wednesday, March 15, 2023
Cuyahoga County Fair Grounds



Board Attendance:	Present	Absent
Tom Kennish President	X	
Mike Alonso, 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
Phil Bartosh
Shelia St. Clair
Eric Manthey
Amanda Hezberger

Meting officially called to order at 6:30pm

Treasurer Report

Brenda Theurer

- a. Ms. Theurer reviewed the current bank statement. GCBA currently has \$9062.14, with \$1434.74 in checking. There have been no withdrawals. Over all the income from the beekeeping class did really well. GCBA received \$2,965 for the classes.

Motion to Approve Treasurer Report

Motion: Mike Alonso: Seconded by: Sarah Alonso

Motion passes with one abstain (Brenda Theurer)

- b. Payment for the insurance in the amount of \$1,565 is due March 22, 2023. This is a 10% from last year.

Motion to Approve Payment of the Insurance Increase

Motion: Laura Brown Seconded by: Mike Alonso

Motion passes with one abstain (Brenda Theurer)

Secretary Report

Sarah Alonso

- a. Ms. Alonso reported that we have had several organizations reach out in need of speakers. Mr. Kennish has spoken to two members that are willing to volunteer. He will be sending the contact information to Ms. Alonso.
- b. GCBA is still in need of a Fair Chair. Mr. Kennish will make an announcement about this at the April's membership meeting. Mrs. St. Clair stated that a few people have expressed interest.
- c. Ms. Alonso shared out the data from the Beekeeping Class Exit Tickets. Overall there was good feedback about the class, the critical feedback was construction and will be addressed at the next year's class. Mr. Alonso stated that the PPT need to be organized as they are a bit confusing and do not seem to go in order. He suggests for next year we re-organize them. Mr. St. Clair stated that the board should take the questions asked in the exit tickets and answer them before each board meeting. Mr. Alonso will take the list of questions and answer them for the membership.

Motion to Approve analyzing the data from the exit tickets and presenting answers before each membership meeting

Motion: Denzil St. Clair Seconded by Sarah Alonso

Motion passes unanimously

Motion to Approve Secretary Report

Motion: Mike Alonso Seconded by Laura Brown

Motion passes unanimously

President Report

Tom Kennish

- a. Mr. Kennish stated that we need a marking volunteer. We should be out on social media and the community more, but we need a person dedicated to do the work. We should call for a volunteer at the next meeting. He stated the he spoke GCBA's webmaster and received the data pulled from our website. Hits to the site are high and we should work to keep that going. We should think about putting fresh new content on the site regularly.
- b. Mr Kennish stated that we need to redo the tri-folds and try to have them ready at World Bee Day. Mr. Alonso stated that we should also have a QR code ready in case people do not want to take the flyer. There was much discussion surrounding which method works best. It was decided that we would have both available.
- c. Mr. Kennish asked for an update on the Square. He stated that this is a wonderful way to receive money easily. He once again stated that someone with the ACH numbers will need to set up the

account soon. He will help shepherd this process along. We will also need to a general email that pings treasurer and secretary when there is a deposit.

- d. Mr. Kennish has asked Lorraine to speak at the April meeting. He should be hearing back soon.
- e. Mr. Eck has purchased three packages of bees. It would be great if their arrival corresponded with a meeting, if not we will call a special meeting.

Motion to Approve Printing Tri-Folds for Upcoming Events—not to exceed \$200.00

Motion: Brenda Theurer; Seconded by: Laura Brown

Motion passes unanimously

Motion to Approve an Electronic Banking Option on the Website as well as obtaining a Square for other Electronic Payments

Motion: Sarah Alonso; Seconded by: Mike Alonso

Motion passes with one no (Brenda Theurer)

Bee Yard

Eric Manthey

- a. Mr Manthey stated that the bee yard is coming along, but the equipment is old and that he needs new hives to get everything ready by World Bee Day. Mr. Kennish told Mr. Manthey to create a list of the equipment that he needs to purchase and GCBA will purchase the items. Mrs. St. Clair stated that Queen Right will sell the equipment to GCBA at cost.

Motion to Approve a Budget of \$300 to Purchase Equipment for the Bee Yard

Motion: Mike Alonso; Seconded by: Sarah Alonso

Motion passes unanimously

Old Business

Shelia St. Clair

- a. Mrs. St. Clair informed the board the fence in the bee yard has been taken down. The estimated cost of the new fencing will be approximately \$1000 and there is not estimated time of installation.
- b. The sign to thank the sponsors needs to be created. The estimated cost of the sign is \$250. Mrs. St. Clair said that she will get a mock up to the board for approval.
- c. Mr. Alonso asked on the status of selling shirts and other clothing with the GCBA logo. Mr. Alonso has a friend that sells branded clothing and can set up a store on our website for people to purchase items. However, that would require us to have a link on the website for people to pay. Mrs. St. Clair and Ms. Alonso both agreed that this would be a good addition to the website and help generate income for the Club. Mr. Kennish was not sure this was the best way to go and asked to table the discussion.

- d. Mrs. St. Clair suggested having Rob Najar from the Summit County Beekeepers come speak to the group on Queen rearing.[]

Motion to Adjourn at 8:03pm

Motion: Joe Petrek Seconded: Sarah Alonso

Motion Passes

Next Regular Board Meeting Scheduled

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Cuyahoga County Fair Ground