

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

Wednesday, May 15, 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
Phil Bartosh

Meeting officially called to order at 6:30pm

Public Comment

The members of the Cuyahoga County Fair Board have requested a donation from the Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association to support the annual "Tractor Pull" at the 2024 Cuyahoga County Fair. Typically, this event is sponsored by the Farm Bureau, but this year, the Bureau has significantly reduced their donation. The President of the Fair Board has mentioned that if the GCBA makes a donation, the association will be recognized as a sponsor on all marketing materials.

Motion to Approve a \$500 donation for the Tractor Pull Event

Motion: Denzil St. Clair Seconded by Joe Petrek

Motion passes unanimously

Ms. Theurer will send a check to the Fair Board before the Cuyahoga County Fair.

Treasurer Report

Brenda Theurer

- a. Ms. Theurer reviewed the last three months of financials in detail. They are as follows:
 - a. January: **Savings**--\$9,063.40; **Checking**--\$1,334.22
 - i. Jamie Walters has not cashed his speaker fee check.
 - b. February: **Savings**--\$9,063.47; **Checking**--\$4,798.40
 - c. March: **Savings**--\$9,063.55; **Checking**--\$2,901.54
 - d. April: **Savings**--\$9,063.62; **Checking**--\$3,004.93

Motion to Approve Financials for January, February, March, and April

Motion: Adam Price Seconded by Joe Petrek Abstain: Brenda Theurer

Motion passes.

Ms. Theurer informed the board that she has updated the State of Ohio certification. She replaced Kathy Smith with her name as the appointed agent. Mr. Price stated that we need to have this updated more regularly to reflect the current board members.

Ms. Theurer also reviewed the following items with the board:

- a. Ms. Theurer reviewed the 50/50 winners at the previous meeting.
- b. She reminded Ms. Alonso to send her the OSBA invoice for Ms. Garnes's speaker fee.
- c. She reminded Ms. Alonso to send the September, October, December, and June minutes to Katherine to be posted on the website.
- d. The mailing address for membership registrations needs to be posted on the website.
- e. Ms. Theurer stated she reviewed the by-laws due to the canceled meeting in April. She asserted the by-laws stated meetings are to be held each month. However, with further review it was found that a meeting can take place by email. It was decided that if an in-person meeting needed to be canceled due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances, the board would meet via Zoom.

Secretary Report

S. Alonso

- a. Ms. Alonso emailed the minutes to the board before the board meeting. She asked if there were any questions or edits. None were stated.
- b.

Motion to Approve the Secretary's Report

Motion: Adam Price; Seconded by Laura Brown; Abstain: Brenda Theurer

Motion passes.

Bee Yard Beautification

S. St. Clair

- a. GCBA has received several donations including from Petite's. Mr. Petrek volunteered to pick up the plants and two trees. He will also pick up mulch if the garden center has any available. We have also received 200-300 seed packets to pass out at World Bee Day.
- b. Mr. Petrek has mowed and weed-wacked the yard and Ms. Brown planted the donated yarrow root. Mr. Manthey has been working in the hives and they look ready for World Bee Day.
- c. The following was also reviewed for WBD:
 - a. Fairgrounds rented tables and chairs for GCBA to use for the event
 - b. Apples have been delivered
 - c. There will be a fence erected to block off the buildings from the school busses

- d. May 22, will be the Bee Yard Clean-Up day. An email will go out to members to volunteer their time.
- e. Grants should be looked at to help maintain the yard and needed equipment.

New Business

S. Alonso

- a. Ms. Alonso suggested Kim Young as June's speaker. She has volunteered to speak about native plants and planting pollinator gardens. Mr. St. Clair stated that we should be creating a Queen Rearing program and suggested a speaker that will teach the Damaree method. He volunteered to find the speaker. He asked Mr. Manthey to learn the method and to offer a class. Mr. Manthey stated that he would and will also schedule time to have a hands-on presentation on queen grafting.
- b. For the Annual Picnic the club will supply hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks. The picnic will be in the pavilion from 6-8 pm. We will have corn hole and a smoker contest. Queen Right Colonies will donate a basket of smoke fuel. We will also raffle off a split of a queen (depending on the current situation in the hives) Tickets for the split will be \$5 and queen \$1.

Motion to Approve \$400 for food for the Annual Picnic

Motion: Brenda Theurer; Seconded by Sarah Alonso

Motion passes unanimously.

Newsletter

- a. The board discussed having Katherine take over the creation of the newsletter. Mr. St. Clair will reach out to Ms. Herzberger regarding this.

Motion to Approve up to \$40 for Katherine's services for the newsletter

Motion: Denzil St. Clair; Seconded by Joe Petrek

Motion Amended to Approve up to \$50 for Katherine's services for the newsletter

Motion: Brenda Theurer; Seconded by Laura Brown

Motion Amended to Approved Katherine to take over the newsletter at a monthly price of \$40-\$50

Motion: Denzil St. Clair; Seconded by: Laura Brown; Opposed: Adam Price & Brenda Theurer

Motion Passes

Motion to Adjourn at 7:50 pm

Motion: Denzil St. Clair; Seconded by Sarah Alonso

Motion passes unanimously.

Next Regular Board Meeting Scheduled
Wednesday, June 19, 2024
Cuyahoga County Fair Ground