

**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
Shelia St. Clair
Eric Manthey
Amanda Herzberger
Kathy Losh

Meting officially called to order at 6:42pm

Treasurer Report

B. Theurer

- a. Ms. Theurer reviewed the current bank statement. GCBA currently has \$9062.71, There were three checks posted to April. The April 50/50 raffle from the membership meeting netted \$114 with the payout being \$57

Motion to Approve Treasurer Report

Motion: Sarah Alonso: Seconded by: Charles Heaton

Motion passes with one abstain (Brenda Theurer)

- b. Ms. Theurer filed the GCBA 990 and updated the charitable donation statues with the state.

Secretary Report

S. Alonso

- c. Ms. Alonso reported out that there 58 members in attendance at our last membership meeting
- d. Ms. Herzberger asked the group about how we go about billing for the ads in the newsletter. Mr. St. Clair stated to check the by-laws. It was decided that the secretary is to bill for the ads.
- e. Mrs. St. Clair stated that Dave Noble from Red Beard Bees will be speaking at the June meeting. The topic will be Queen Management in Urban Beekeeping. There will be a fee, but she is unsure of the amount. Ms. Theurer stated that once she receives the amount she will send over a check.

- f. Mr. Bartosh reminded the group that we will need to purchase food for the July picnic. He stated that if there is left over food from the World Bee Day event, we will not need to purchase much more. Mr. St. Clair put a motion on the table to allow \$300 to be spent on the purchase of additional food for the picnic. After some debate on what should be purchased, the following motion was brought to the table:

Motion to Approve \$500 for the purchase food for the annual July picnic

Motion: Denzil St. Clair; Seconded by: Sarah Alonso

Motion passes unanimously

- g. Mr. Alonso stated that the July picnic is the same week as the Irish festival so we will not be able to use the usual pavilion. We will use the bee barn and yard for games and bee races. Ms. Theurer reminded the group that we will need prizes for the games
- h. Mr. Bartosh recapped the incident with one of the members at the last meeting. The member was stung 4 times in the back of his neck. He was rushed to the hospital. Mr. Bastosh has been in contact with the member and the member is recovering. Mr. Bartosh bought signs for the bee yard indicating a veil is required to enter.
- i. There will be no speaker for the July picnic. We will have the regular bee meeting in August during the week of fair in the bee barn, just as we did last year. Charles volunteered to speak during fair week and the topic will be cooking with honey.
- j. Mr. Bartosh volunteered to speak at a vacation bible school that reached out for a speaker.

New Business

M. Alonso

- a. Mr. Alonso stated that we are still looking for Fair Chair. The board should go up to members during the next meeting and directly ask if people would like to volunteer. Mrs. St. Clair said that she will help whoever volunteers for the role.
- b. We will also need to make an announcement that we will need honey frames for the fair to be used in the extraction room. In exchange for the extract the member can either work the booth or pay.
- c. that it is usually repayment for her mileage. Mr. St. Clair pointed out that in order to obtain high-quality speakers we need to pay them for their time.

World Bee Day

S. St. Clair

- a. Mrs. St. Clair reviewed the plan for the event on Friday with the school children. She stated there will be a blast out on FB about the event as well as on the radio.
- b. If there are not enough volunteers for the Saturday event for the public, Mrs. St. Clair suggested having the GCBA table static.

- c. There was much discuss around the price to charge for food during the World Bee Day Event Mr. St. Clair put a motion on the table

Motion to allow Phil Bartosh to set the price of food for World Bee Day

Motion: Denzil St. Clair Seconded by Laura Brown

Motion passes unanimously

Newsletter

A. Herzberger

- a. Ms. Herzberger reviewed the layout of the current newsletter and requested photos of World Bee Day be sent to her to post in the next newsletter.
- b. She stated that she will keep the post about needing a Fair Chair, information about the bee yard, and the receipts.

Old Business

M. Alonso

- a. Mr. Alonso stated that he would do this, but stated that there still needs to be a two-person authentication. He will work on creating an email for the account and will purchase the square. Mr. Bartosh reiterated that the reader needs to be linked to the website so that we can take payment and donations from the site. Mr. Alonso will work with Ms. Theurer to get this taken care of.
- b. Mr. Bartosh stated that there is not fencing around the bee yard so it is closed off to the public. It was decided that when checking the hives in the yard, a smoker and veil will be used.
- c. Mr. Alonso is meeting with a vendor regarding clothing. He asked board members to tell him what they would like.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:14pm

Motion: Denzil St. Clair Seconded: Laura Brown

Motion Passes

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