

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

Wednesday, November 15, 2023  
Cuyahoga County Fair Grounds



<b>Board Attendance:</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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	
<b>Quorum Established</b>		

<b>Guests</b>
Jan Petrek
Adam Price
Shelia St. Clair
Amanda Herzberger

**Meting officially called to order at 6:52pm**

**Treasurer Report**

**Brenda Theurer**

- a. Ms. Theurer reported there were no transactions in September
- b. Ms. Theurer stated that we currently have \$9,063.09 in savings and \$2,248.17 in checking however this does not count the outstanding checks.
- c. Outstanding invoice to Carver that needs to be paid for the sign.
- d. Ms. Theurer requested paperwork for the Square as she feels that we are losing money on transactions. Mr. Alonso stated that we pay 2.6% plus \$.10 on every transaction. He suggested that Ms. Theurer look at the website since there is no paperwork that came with the device. Mrs. St. Clair stated that Queen Right uses the square and that the transaction fee is the cost of doing business.

**Motion to Approve Treasurer Report**

Motion: Joe Petrek; Seconded by Sarah Alonso Abstain-Brenda Theurer

**Motion passes**

**Motion to Approve Payment of \$203 to Carver**

Motion: Sarah Alonso; Seconded by Joe Petrek

**Motion passes unanimously.**

## Secretary Report

S. Alonso

- a. We had 34 members at the November meeting.
- b. All links are up on the website and ready for people to use. Registration for classes, a membership link, and a link to donate are all ready to be used.
- c. Ms. Alonso will reach out to Jamie Walters to see if he can speak at the January meeting. Mr. St. Clair also suggested that we reach out to ODA to speak about the honeybee report for the last year. Also, the Beltsville Lab to speak about honeybees and diseases nationwide. Mrs. St. Clair stated that she would reach out to Randy to possibly speak about the queen vaccination. She also stated that if we are short on a speaker she will do a presentation on creamed honey.

### Motion to Approve October Minutes

Motion: Brenda Theurer; Seconded by Charles Heaton

**Motion passes unanimously**

## Holiday Party

S. Alonso

- a. The group reviewed what was needed for the party. We will do a 50/50, provide flowers for the table (which will be prizes), and provide Cornhole.
- b. We will need 8 tables plus 2 for food. Ellie and Mr. Bartosh got the flowers last year. Ms. Petrek stated that she will reach out to see if they will again this year.

## New Business

S. Alonso

- a. Ms. Alonso suggested that we create a budget as we enter into the 2024 year. Mr. St. Clair stated it is difficult to create a budget because any incidentals will throw the whole thing off. Mrs. St. Clair stated that most associations do not have a budget.

## Old Business

- a. Ms. Alonso will create the ballots for the election.
  - President: Mike and Amanda
  - Vice President: Phil and Adam
  - Secretary: Sarah
  - Treasurer: Brenda
  - Director: Charles
- b. Mr. St. Clair reminded the group that only paid members can vote in the election and it is only one vote per family.

## **Newsletter**

- a. All of the basics are to be covered for the newsletter this month.
- b. We should start promoting the February beekeeping classes. Mr. Alonso stated that he will teach one of the classes in February.
- c. We need to push for renewal of membership in January and to let members know that we will be staying in building 25 for 2024.
- d. Ms. Theurer stated someone should make sure that our meeting and event dates are on the website and that they should be on the marquee.
- e. Ms. Petrek suggested that we start selling the Beekeeping for Dummies at meetings but for less so they sell. Mr. St. Clair stated that we are asking the going price, but does agree that we have them out for people to purchase.

### **Motion to Adjourn at 7:53pm**

Motion: Denzil St. Clair; Seconded by Sarah Alonso

**Motion passes unanimously**

Next Regular Board Meeting Scheduled  
**Wednesday, December 20, 2023**  
**Cuyahoga County Fair Ground**