

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

Wednesday, September 20, 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
Jan Petrek
Eric Manthey
Shelia St. Clair

Meeting officially called to order at 6:34pm

Treasurer Report

Brenda Theurer

- a. Ms. Theurer reviewed the current bank statement. GCBA currently has \$9063.02, There was a total of \$2248.17 in the checking account. No August 50/50 due to the meeting being held at fair.

Motion to Approve Treasurer Report

Motion: Joe Petrek Seconded by: Phil Bartosh

Motion passes with one abstain (Brenda Theurer)

Secretary Report

Sarah Alonso

- a. We had 34 members at the September Meeting to hear Jay Hadem speak.
- b. Our October presentation about selling your honey and other bee products at farmer’s markets and craft shows will be done by either Mr. Bartosh or Dennis and Val Eck.
- c. We are still looking at speakers for November. Ms. Alonso will reach out to Mr. Mizak at the Farm Service Agency to speak up the programs they have for backyard beekeepers. Mr. St. Clair suggested reaching out to Jamie Walters from OSBA to see if he is available. We can also ask people who Best in Show at the fair. Mr. Bartosh suggested asking Jermey Workman who

wins at many competitions. He would probably be open to speaking at the January meeting. Mr. St. Clair also suggested that we do a honey tasting contest with the winner receiving \$50.

- d. Mrs. St. Clair ask that the board pass a motion to pay Repros for the sign the created for the Club.

Motion to Approve August Minutes

Motion: Laura Brown; Seconded by Denzil St. Clair

Motion passes with one abstain (Brenda Theurer)

Motion to Approve \$293.75 to Repros.

Motion: Sarah Alonso; Seconded by Laura Brown

Motion passes unanimously

October Class

M. Alonso

- a. Ms. Alonso asked if we have everything prepared for the October Beginner Beekeeping Class. Mr. Bartosh will take of the food items for lunch. Mr. Petrek will set up the room the night before the event and Ms. Alonso and Mrs. Petrek will purchase items for goodie bags.
- b. Ms. Brown suggested the doors open at 8:30am with coffee and donuts and the class starting at 9:00am. Lunch should be served at 12pm
- c. The topics of the day will be taught in the following order
 - a. Equipment/Cost (BREAK)
 - b. Receiving your bee package and installation (LUNCH)
 - c. Pest Management (BREAK IF NEEDED)
 - d. Hive Inspection
- d. Ms. Alonso will convert the PDF class registration form into a google form where registrants can easily sign up online. The square will also be up and running for card payments the day of class.

Old Business

M. Alonso

- a. Mr. Alonso asked how much the board would like to make off of each item sold on the new clothing link. The board stated that a \$5.00 mark up would be enough. The site will sell, polyblend shirts, polos, hoodies, zip-up, coffee mug, and water bottle. It takes 2-3 weeks to get store up and running.
- b. The square will also be up and running for card payments the day of class. Ms. Theurer told Ms. Alonso to use the routing and accounting number off the bottom of the GCBA check to set up reader account.
- c. Ms. St. Clair asked for the board to approve a quote for \$70 for Wakeman sign to create the sign honoring the fencing company.

Motion to Pay \$70 to Wakeman Sign for the Creation of the Thank You Sign

Motion: Denzil St. Clair; Seconded by Sarah Alonso

Motion passes unanimously

New Business

D. St. Clair

- a. Mr. St. Clair stated that he would like the GCBA board to approve a \$1000 donation to the Cuyahoga County Fair Board for the upgrade to building 30. They will be installing a heating system and will begin renting it out. It will not longer be used for storage.
 - a. Ms. Alonso let the board know that she did not disagree with the donation, however, we do not make much money as an organization and that we need to think about ways to fundraise. Ms. St. Clair stated that she felt that the club is doing well for a small club.

Motion to Designate a \$1,000 Donation to the Cuyahoga County Fair Board for improvements to Building 30

Motion: Denzil St. Clair; Seconded by Joe Petrek

Motion passes unanimously

Motion to Adjourn at 7:45pm

Motion: Denzil St. Clair; Seconded by Joe Petrek

Motion passes unanimously

Next Regular Board Meeting Scheduled
Wednesday, October 18 , 2023
Cuyahoga County Fair Ground