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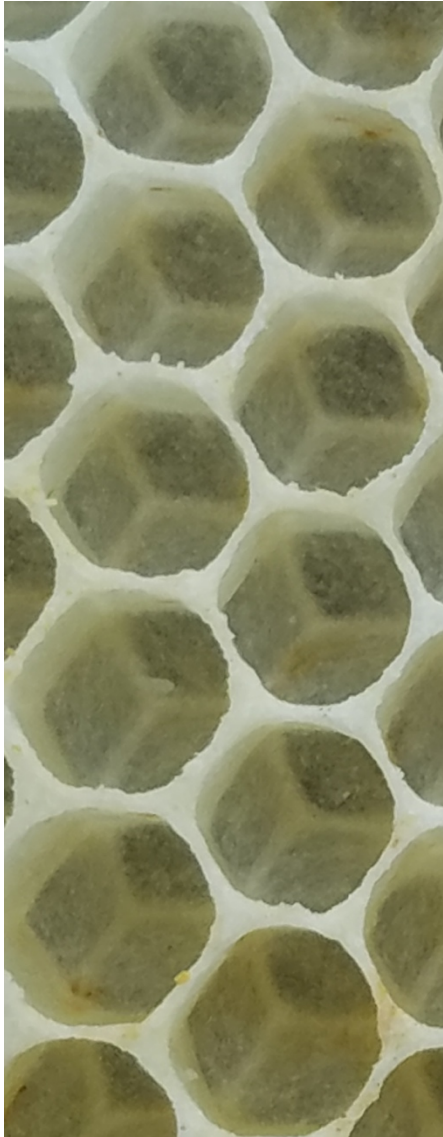
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President's Message May

Thanks to all the volunteers, members and guests who participated in the GCBA Field Day. We had participants from age 6 to age 90. The weather was iffy, but the rain held off until the very end.

Member, Larry Kelly, became the official photographer and we are hoping to post some of the videos to Facebook and/ or the website.

Leo Schirokauer, our 2018 Youth Research Grant recipient, gave us a very interesting update on his progress to develop a preventative protocol for American Foulbrood.

Peggy Garnes took us through the process of sampling and identifying nosema in the hive and under a microscope.

Joe Pristash conducted a full demonstration of a new varroa treatment product from Bee Hive Thermal Industries.

Member, Rick Moranz, demonstrated a hive split and taught us how to build an inexpensive uncapping tank.

Vice-President, Allyson May, led the Beginners Corner with children's activities as well as completing a hive check and conversation on the state of the GCBA hive in the CCF apiary.

Frames were passed around and everyone saw the queen.

The lunch was delicious. There were some nice door prizes and we had caged drones to practice 'queen' marking.

If you missed out this year, hopefully you will be able to attend in 2019.

As of the day I wrote this, the Growing Degrees Day Calendar <https://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/gdd/> puts my zip code at day 464. Black locust first bloom is supposed to be at day 467. However, yesterday I saw and smelled black locust trees in full bloom! It has been an odd Spring. Make sure your girls have enough room to bring in all the nectar that is now available.

The club continues the search for a new Treasurer. If you think you would like to consider stepping up, please speak to Janice or Allyson.

We will have a **plant swap** at the June meeting. Look for more details later in the newsletter.

Dave Noble is our June speaker and is always informative as well as entertaining. I hope to see you all there.

Meeting minutes from March and April are posted at the end of the newsletter for your convenience.

Annette

GCBA General Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2018

Program: Varroa Mites, Number One Enemy (7:08 pm – 8:00 pm)

General Business Meeting: Called to order at 8:07 pm. Adjourned at 9:08.

March and April General Meeting Minutes were read by the secretary, Janice Maund, and approved by the membership.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Tony Indovina, Allyson May, Vice-President, presented the Treasurer's Report.

Annette Birt Clark, President, encouraged the membership to notify neighbors, community groups, business owners, churches, public service agencies, libraries, schools, etc. know that there is a Swarm Removal resource on the GCBA website located under the "Resources and Ed" tab.

The GCBA Executive Board approved \$300 to be used for the establishment of a lending library of beekeeping books and videos for club members. If you have any beekeeping books that you would like to donate or if you would like to volunteer to establish and manage the library, please speak with an Executive Board member.

We have received a request from our website to have someone put hives on property in Strongsville. If you are interested or would like more information, ask Annette.

GCBA will be participating in the Cleveland Natural History Museum's "Think and Drink" event on May 16th from 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm. We will have a display table with handouts and would appreciate volunteers to interact with the public. If you are interested in attending, please contact any board member.

Due to the aforementioned event, the Executive Board meeting will be moved to May 23rd at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact any board member. Location is yet to be determined. Stay tuned.

The first package of bees in new hive equipment was installed in the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds (CCF) Apiary. This is the first of two or more hives that are owned and operated by GCBA and will become a part of the GCBA teaching apiary and pollinator garden. It will be used as a demonstration hive for more frequent club demonstrations. All plans and efforts on the CCF property are being submitted to Dennis Eck who is on the board of the CCF for approval before they are executed. If you have any ideas you would like to contribute or if you would like to get involved in this project, please talk to Allyson.

We are going to host a Plant Swap at the June meeting. If you are splitting any plants or have too many starts of something and would like to swap for something else, please bring it (or them) in June. Make sure that your “swap plant” is in a leak proof container for transportation purposes. If possible attach the name of the plant, how tall it might get, what kind of exposure it needs and any other information that will help it survive. The plants will all be OUTSIDE the Rocky River Nature Center. It will be a “bring one – take one” swap.

There have been several requests to know what the board is doing. One thing we have been doing is following the bylaws (and Robert’s Rules when required by the bylaws) when conducting both general membership meetings and executive board meetings. Previous boards have chosen not to follow the bylaws and that was their choice. It is not this board’s choice.

Another thing we have been doing is shrinking. You may or may not be aware that Larry Theurer, Past President, resigned from the board. As we cannot assign or appoint just anyone to take that particular board seat, we have asked Dennis Eck (a previously past president of GCBA) to take that seat as a voting member and he has agreed. However, this is another situation that is not addressed in our bylaws or in Robert’s Rules. We are therefore bringing the issue to you, the membership, to decide.

Motion: To accept Dennis Eck to fulfill the role of the Past President on the Executive Board with voting privileges. Motion made Bob Stone.

Seconded by Brett May. Motion carries by verbal assent.

We have a volunteer, Brett May, to fill one of the vacant Director’s seats until the next election. The executive board will vote to assign/appoint Brett at the next board meeting. Our Treasurer, Tony Indovina, continues to function as the GCBA Treasurer, despite his announcement that he is no longer able to continue in that role. We are grateful for his dedication to GCBA. He has helped us through the heaviest financial stress time of the year. If you are interested in this role for the club, please step forward and speak to Allyson or Annette. Tony has agreed to assist in the transition of the new Treasurer.

At the April meeting a member interrupted the general meeting and made a motion for a special election and nominations. This action was not in compliance with the existing bylaws of our organization and is therefore null and void. A letter was sent to this member explaining the correct procedure (according to our bylaws) should he decide to pursue the matter again. This member addressed the members of the general meeting restating his concerns regarding the current board and president. A new member requested that he stop being rude to the current officers and that the club resume addressing the needs of the members and not become engaged in such negative behavior

It has been brought to the attention of the board by the membership that there is an interest in GCBA logo wear (ball cap, t-shirt, etc.). We have one option to set up an online store (featuring eight selected items) with screen print and embroidery options that would allow

any member to make a purchase if they wish. Hometown Threads of North Olmsted has offered GCBA this service. If anyone has any other option that the board may explore and compare pricing, please see Annette.

The window hive at the Cuyahoga County Fair (CCF) Bee Barn is an engaging experience. However, due to the lack of moveable frames, it is impossible to conduct varroa sampling or treatment resulting in “bee-having” rather than responsible “beekeeping”. Unfortunately for the bees, surrounding beekeepers and community at large, the hive dies most years and must be cleaned out and replaced.

As the GCBA treasury is healthy and we have a strong partnership with CCF, Annette is exploring and will be proposing that GCBA use funds to assist CCF by having a custom observation hive built and installed. It will include moveable frames, be on casters so it could be taken outside for hive inspections, cleaning, monitoring and treatment when necessary. It will be large enough for the bees to overwinter successfully. If anyone has any ideas or comments, please talk to any board member.

Field Day is May 19th and it should be a day of good fun and hands-on learning. Once it is over the board will be planning the July picnic and the GCBA participation in the Cuyahoga County Fair. We would like as many members as possible to participate. The fair is always interesting and fun! We will need volunteers to sit at the table and talk to the public. We want to encourage everyone to enter something in the honey category for judging. You can submit honey, bakery, canned goods, breads, photos and crafts. There is something for everyone!

The president of the Northwest Pennsylvania Beekeeping Association, Charlie Vorisek, has cordially invited GCBA members to join their club via Skype on Thursday, May 24th at 6:30 PM for a presentation featuring Randy Oliver. This is a free presentation and is open to the public. Randy will be presenting “Reading the Combs” and an update in varroa mite management. Select members of the Pennsylvania Beekeeping Association will also be describing nucleus hive construction in support of the PA Queen Improvement project. You may contact Bert Howells (bert752@gmail.com or cell: 240-682-1140) to register by phone.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Stone.

Seconded by Fred Hartman. Unanimous verbal assent.

BEGINNERS CORNER JUNE 2018

It was great to see so many new beekeepers at the Field Day. The weather was beautiful and we had the opportunity to inspect the GCBA newly installed package of bees. So what were we looking for during this inspection?

First I wanted to see how the comb building was progressing. Ideally I would like the bees to draw wax on every frame. Sometimes they will ignore the frames on the outside. So I moved frames around to help get them interested in drawing wax.

For example, I switched frames 1 with 2 and 9 with 10. I also turned frames around that had comb drawn on the inside but not on the outside. This helps to get the bees on frames that need wax. At the same time, I am careful to keep the brood nest (where the bees are raising new bees) together.

Second, I am always thinking about when I need to give the bees more room by adding the next box. It is important to remember if you wait too long and the bees think their house is too small they might think about swarming (yes, even new packages can swarm).

At the time of the field day inspection I did not add the next box and decided to wait a few more days. I have since returned and added the next box. Adding the next box too soon can result in the bees not drawing the frames in the first box. I know so much to think about.

You should all have the recommended beekeeping book(s), which is a good resource when you have questions. So look in the book and then if you are still unsure ask another beekeeper. Remember in the classes we talked about thinking 2-3 weeks ahead of your bees. This is important so you are prepared with the next step.

During the inspection we saw the queen. We watched her move about the frame and discussed the interaction between her and the workers. We watched several bees feed her. We saw eggs, larva and capped brood, which helped us to evaluate her quality as the queen of this colony. She is doing great!!!

The following pictures are the queen and an example of her brood pattern. This is what you should be seeing in your hives.





Lastly you should continue to feed your bees if they are drawing comb. They need resources to draw wax and raise new bees. New packages need to build their hive and raise bees so they can become strong enough to overwinter.

If you use deep boxes you want 2 deeps with drawn comb, food stored and an active brood nest. If you use medium boxes you want 3.

An important note when you add your honey super to the hive you need to stop feeding the bees because they will store sugar syrup in the super and this is not honey that you would want to extract for eating.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meeting in June. I hope you are enjoying your new adventure and much as I do.

Photos courtesy of GCBA member Larry Kelly.

Allyson Talbert-May
Vice President

In the Hive

The Black Locust trees are and many other floral resources are now in bloom! Swarm calls have begun and it is now full steam ahead!

We are really seeing build up in our hives at this time, finally! Stay in tune with the needs of your hive. If you are second year or longer, have frames of drawn foundation ready at each hive check to manipulate frames and add a drawn frame between two frames of capped brood to give the queen room to lay more eggs. A frame with wax or plastic foundation is not 'room'. It needs to be a frame of drawn comb.

Watch for signs of swarm behavior: lots of bees, lots of new drone and/or drone comb, queen cups, lighter colored wax near tops of frames. If there are eggs laid in the queen cups the hive is getting ready to swarm.

Have you completed your first alcohol wash or sugar shake to determine your varroa mite counts?

Do you need to make a management decision?

Do you have your varroa mite plan ready to react to this challenge?

Check out your options at

<https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/varroa/>

Snack contributions for our meetings appreciated.
Sweet or savory snacks always welcome.

Anytime is a great time to catch up on educational materials to sharpen and hone your beekeeping skills.

New modeling tool that simulates colony development and foraging behavior in different landscapes.

<http://beehave-model.net/>

Cornell University study on drone removal

[http://www.three-peaks.net/PDF/Drone Brood Removal for the Management of Varroa destructor.pdf](http://www.three-peaks.net/PDF/Drone%20Brood%20Removal%20for%20the%20Management%20of%20Varroa%20destructor.pdf)

So you may want to breed your own queens?

http://www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/wp-content/pdf/books/Queen_Manual.pdf

Learn about honey bee dances.

<https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/honey-bee-dance-language>

Research based information from America's land-grant universities. This is a national bee health website.

http://articles.extension.org/bee_health

The Ohio State University Bee Lab has articles and webinars available, at your convenience, and is a great resource for new and experienced beekeepers.

<mailto:https://u.osu.edu/beelab/>

For anyone who takes pictures, shares pictures, likes to look at pictures of nature. Use it on your computer or smartphone.

<https://www.inaturalist.org/>

The Honey Bee Health Coalition has a complete guide to options for varroa treatments. Copy of the monitoring and tracking chart located later in newsletter.

<http://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/varroa/>

Dr. Meghan Milbrath also has a very good article to help you make a plan for varroa management posted on her site Sand Hill Bees.

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/56818659c21b86470317d96e/t/5900c9798419c2db7622e85b/1493223802902/MakingAPlanforVarroa_2017.pdf

Bee Culture Magazine's Kim and Jim Show brings current technology, science and information to beekeepers with webinars. You can watch live and submit questions in real time, or watch later from their archives. <http://www.beeculture.com/kimandjimshow/>

June Plant Swap

Bring one, take one (or more depending on participation)

Please, bring any extra plants that you have split, are removing or started too many of for your pollinator or other garden. Supply a simple label/ card/ paper identifying the plant, sun or shade preferences and how tall it gets.

Look for a tarp on the ground near the garage end of the Nature Center Building. (On the far left as you approach from the main sidewalk). There will be a sign.

Drop off plant(s) as you enter the meeting. Pick up plant(s) to take home as you exit. No plants are to be brought into the center.



**Ohio Pollinator Advocate training:
An Introduction to Pollination Biology
and Bee Identification
June 19, August 7 or September 11, 2018
10AM to 3PM**

Become a certified Ohio Pollinator Advocate! Ohio Pollinator Advocates are certified, trained volunteers who spread the word about the importance of pollinators.

Advocates complete training in pollination biology, Ohio bee identification, bee biology and habitat enhancement. Once certified, advocates agree to teach two programs to adult and youth audiences to help spread the word about why pollinators matter and how to take action to conserve these important creatures.

Advocates have access to outreach resources and materials, including PowerPoint programs and identification guides. Master Gardeners, Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists, beekeepers and others interested in helping pollinators are invited to attend.

Each session runs from 10AM to 3PM and will include time in the classroom and in the field catching and observing bees.

Location: [Miller Pavillion in Secrest Arboretum, Wooster](#) (#5 on the map)

Fee to attend: \$10, payable at the door. Lunch is not included (please bring your own).

[Register here](#) one week prior to each session. Space is limited.

Questions? [Please contact me.](#)

I hope to see you and the bees in Wooster!

Denise

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Cuyahoga County Fair

Fair is coming up from August 7th thru 12th.

Have you thought about entering something? There are many categories that beekeepers may choose to enter in addition to the apiary including Arts & Crafts, Photography, Creative Writing, Floral and more.

Many of our club members submitted entries for the first time in 2017 and some won ribbons!

Consider entering something this year. Later in the newsletter you will find the entry form and important deadlines. Limited copies of the entire CCF Premium Book will be available at the June meeting.



Upcoming Meetings and Events

GCBA

June 13, 2018

Topic: Biology Based Management

Speaker: Dave Noble

Stratford Ecological Center Apiarist

How can the biology of a honey bee colony inform, and direct, our management practices? How does what we see in the hive, and on the frames, translate into an understanding of what are bees are doing and what they may need.

Stratford Ecological Center has several classes still available this summer for beekeepers. Find information <https://stratfordecologicalcenter.org/apiarybees/>

July 11, 2018

Event: Club Picnic

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds Pavilion

August 6 - 12, 2018

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds - Berea, OH 44017

August 7 - 12, 2108

Event: Cuyahoga County Fair

<http://www.cuyfair.com/>

August 8, 2018

Topic: Winter Prep

Round table discussion, Q & A for winter readiness.

September 12, 2018

Topic: Bee Nutrition and
Citizen Science

Speaker: Denise Ellsworth

Department of Entomology Program Director

The Ohio State University

Learn about nutritional resources for bees at different times of the year. Get information on the Ohio Bee Atlas and the new Ohio Bee Advocates Program.

Other Upcoming Meetings and Events

June 9 Advanced Beekeeping Beekeepers

9am-3pm Advanced Beginners Class

Tom Rathbun's barn- 4867 CR 175 Clyde - Registration required

<http://srvba.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/>

Sandusky River Valley

July 11 - 13, 2108

Annual Summer Conference

<http://www.heartlandbees.org/>

Heartland Apiculture Society

July 30 – Aug 5, 2108

<https://www.medina-fair.com/>

Medina County Fair

August 13-17, 2108

Annual Summer Conference

<http://www.easternapiculture.org/conferences/eas-2018.html>

Eastern Apiculture Society

November 3, 2018

Fall Conference, Plain City, Ohio

Ohio State Beekeepers Association

September 8 – 12, 2019

Montreal Canada

<http://www.apimondia2019.com/>

Apimondia

Recipe of the Month

Honey Banana Bread

INGREDIENTS

1/2 cup honey	1/3 cup margarine
1 tsp. vanilla	2 eggs
3/4 cups whole wheat flour	1/2 cup unbleached flour
1/2 cup rolled oats	1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. nutmeg	1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup ripe banana, mashed	1/2 cup walnuts, chopped

DIRECTIONS

Cream honey and margarine in large mixing bowl until fluffy. Beat in vanilla. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition.

Combine dry ingredients. Add alternately with bananas, blending well. Stir in walnuts.

Spoon into greased 9x5x3-inch loaf pan.

Bake at 325°F 50 to 55 minutes or until wooden pick inserted near center of loaf comes out clean. Cool completely before slicing.

Courtesy National Honey Board.

[Check out our Facebook Page!](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/greaterclevelandbeekeepers/>

APIARY BEES and HONEY

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BUILDING 30

DENNIS ECK
Director

The Cuyahoga County Fair Apiary
Department would like to thank the
family of Gayle Bartosh for their generous
donation of benches for the Apiary Barn.
In Memory of Gayle Bartosh
1959 - 2018

Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association

2018 Educational Scholarship

Applications are available in the Fair Office and by mail from
GCBA Scholarship, P.O. Box 30092, Middleburg Hts, Oh 44130.
Application must be accompanied by an essay on "Why I want
to be a beekeeper." Winners will receive a complete beekeeper
kit, a mentor and classes to enable students to participate in the
Cuyahoga County Fair. Entries open to ages 9-13 and 14-18.

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES BEES and HONEY

Sat. before Fair - 12:00 Noon to 5:00pm - Entry Set-up
Sun. before Fair - 9:00am - 12:00 Noon - Entry Set-up
Sun. of Fair - 8:30pm - 10:00pm - Entry Pick-up (exhibitor
tag required)

ENTRY RULES

1. Only one entry will be permitted by an exhibitor for any one premium and no two exhibits in the same class shall be made by the same person or any member of his/her family from the same apiaries, or apiary.
2. Honey judged on quality, cleanliness, color, aroma and moisture content.
3. Bees and Queen judged for evenness in color and form, general appearance and educational value to the public. Queen and her bees shown on a frame of brood in observation hive.
4. Sweetening used in baked goods and canned fruit must contain 50% honey. Recipe must be attached. Bring entry in zip-lock bag on disposable plate.
5. Sweetening used in Honey Candy must contain a minimum of one-sixth honey. Candy and baked goods must be displayed in plastic bags or well-covered with clean film.
6. Honey and honey products must be produced by the exhibitor within the past year - from fair year to fair year.
7. The judge(s) may award a lower class prize or no prize for entries that are substandard.

8. Honey may be purchased for products in Section 300.
9. Set up Saturday, Noon - 6:00 p.m. or Sunday 9:00 a.m. - Noon.
10. All exhibits/entries can be picked up on Sunday, the last day of the Fair, from 8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Exhibitor Tag required for pickup. Any exhibits not claimed will be disposed of at the discretion of the Director or the Superintendent. Award ribbons not claimed will be available at the Fair Office the week following the Fair.

BEE and HONEY DISPLAY SECTION 100

Rules

1. Space is limited and the number of displays may be capped if the number of entries exceeds the display space available.

Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
	\$100.00	75.00	50.00	25.00
	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette

101. Individual booth display educational and/or advertising using modern equipment and/or techniques.
102. Individual booth display demonstrating antique beekeeping practices using antique equipment, etc.
103. Individual booth display for scholarship winner using educational, advertising and equipment etc. Rosette Only

To be judged as follows:

Educational and/or Advertising Value	35 points
Attractiveness and Arrangement	25
Quality of Product	25
Completeness of Display	15

TOTAL

100 points

SECTION 200

A trophy will be awarded to **Best of Show** for a single specimen in Section 200 & 300.

The winner will be selected by the judge(s) of the Division. Honey will be judged according to the PFUND scale used in the honey industry

Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
201. Observation hive - <i>honey bees and queen</i>	\$35.00	25.00	15.00	10.00
202. Extracted honey - water <i>white to white, 3 lbs. in 1 lb. glass honey jars, PFUND of 0-34mm</i>	\$6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
203. Extracted honey, extra <i>light to light amber, 3 lbs. in 1 lb. glass honey jars, PFUND of 35-85mm</i>	\$6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
204. Extracted honey, amber <i>to dark, 3lbs. in 1 lb. glass honey jars, PFUND of 86-114mm</i>	\$6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
205. Finely granulated - creamed honey <i>3 lbs. in 1 lb. straight sided wide mouth jar with uniform lid</i>	\$6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
206. Chunk honey - 1/2 cut <i>comb minimum, 3 lbs. in 1 lb. uniform round wide mouthed glass honey jar with uniform lid</i>	\$6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
207. Extracting frames - deep, <i>2 frames (Bee-proof container)</i>	\$8.00	7.00	5.00	4.00
208. Extracting frames - shallow, <i>or medium, 7 1/4" or less, 2 frames (Bee-proof container)</i>	\$8.00	7.00	5.00	4.00

**ENTRIES IN CLASS 206 - 208 MUST BE DISPLAYED IN
BEE-PROOF CASES WITH SIDES MADE OF
TRANSPARENT MATERIALS, GLASS OR PLASTIC.**

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BEES and HONEY (continued)

Class	1st	2nd	3rd
209. Cut comb honey - 4 containers, Ross Rounds in plastic containers	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
210. Comb honey - round sections, 3 sections, 8 oz. or more per section in transparent plastic containers	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
211. Beeswax- 1 piece, 1 lb. minimum	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
212. Specimen other than above	\$5.00	3.00	2.00

SECTION 300

301. Honey candy - 5 pieces, recipe attached	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
302. Honey cookies - 6 cookies, recipe attached	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
303. Honey loaf cake - loaf or 1 layer, light or dark, not frosted, recipe attached	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
304. Honey yeast bread - 1 loaf, recipe attached	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
305. Honey bread - non-yeast, 1 loaf, recipe attached	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
306. Honey/Mead in clear bottle 4/5 quart or 26 ounces, straight sided bottle	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
307. Novelty honey cooking - quantity of product exhibited sufficient for a comparison, may include jellies (50% honey), granola, fruit leathers, etc. Recipe attached	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
308. Fruit canned with honey - 3 jars, all pints or quarts, recipe attached	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
309. Honey gift package - total package weight 8 lbs. or less. Must be honey bee related product with the exception of container, honey servers, cookbooks or decorations	\$8.00	6.00	4.00
310. Hand Cream: 3-1 oz. clear containers recipe attached, % (percent) of wax - honey - other	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
311. Soap products - 3 bars 1 oz. minimum weight each, handmade - lye - based, 3 uniform bars, recipe attached, % (percent) of wax - honey - other	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
312. Honey Pot	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
313. Specimen other than above	\$5.00	3.00	2.00

DEPT 28

The Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society,
sponsors of the Cuyahoga County Fair invite you
to visit our website

www.cuyfair.com

NOTE: Open class entries can be submitted online. Animal entries cannot be submitted online. Junior Fair entries submitted online will be subject to the registration fees.

**PHOTOS FEATURING BEES
SECTION 400**

Photos must be at least 5" x 7" and be matted
Premiums provided by the GCBA

Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
401. Flower with Honey Bee	\$10.00	8.00	5.00	3.00
402. Honey Bee hive (manmade)	\$10.00	8.00	5.00	3.00
403. Honey Bee hive (natural)	\$10.00	8.00	5.00	3.00
404. Swarm - Honey Bee	\$10.00	8.00	5.00	3.00
405. All other bee related photos	\$10.00	8.00	5.00	3.00

**FLORAL
DEPARTMENT**

DEPARTMENT 28

BUILDING 33

TOM SABREY
Director

Standard Flower Show is the official title of a flower show conforming to standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. National Garden Club's Standard System will be used for all competitive judging and is found in the NGC Flower Shows Handbook 2007 edition. Decisions of the judges will be final. Exhibits may not be altered after the judging. Awards will be withheld if not merited.

This flower show is sponsored by Ridgewood Garden Club of Parma and Westlake Garden Club in cooperation with the Cuyahoga County Fair under the direction of Show Chair Tom Sabrey. Ridgewood Garden Club of Parma and Westlake Garden Club are members of Garden Club of Ohio, Inc., Central Atlantic Region and the National Garden Clubs, Inc.

The classes in sections 400 - 800 are exhibits in the Standard Flower Show. The Standard Flower Show is open to all exhibitors whether or not they are affiliated with a Garden Club.

FLORAL BUILDING SCHEDULE

ROSE SHOW

Exhibits should be brought in the morning of the show starting at 7:30 a.m. Judging will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday.

CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS - Blooming & Foliage

Entries are accepted Saturday and Sunday preceding the Fair from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Monday from 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Judging will be Monday at 10:00 a.m.

FAIRY GARDENS

Entries are accepted Saturday and Sunday preceding the Fair from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Monday from 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Judging will be Monday 10:00 a.m.

CUT SPECIMEN BLOOMS - Annuals & Perennials

Entries accepted Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Judging Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

ADMISSION AND PARKING

FREE PARKING EVERY DAY!

FAIR HOURS:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 12:00 Noon to 11:00 PM
Saturday, 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM
Sunday, 12:00 Noon to 10:00 PM
(Exhibit animals will be released starting at 5 PM on Sunday)
Commercial Buildings close at 10 PM daily

ADVANCE TICKET SALES -

Must be purchased in Fair Office by Friday, August 3.

5 Daily Admissions \$25.00

DAILY ADMISSION - Admission tickets and passes DO NOT include ride privileges. Ride tickets are \$1.25 each (3-5 per ride) and unlimited Ride Stamps are \$20.00 which will be available at the Amusements of America ticket booths inside the fairgrounds.

GENERAL ADMISSION

Children - 3 Years and Under FREE DAILY
Youth - 4-12 Years \$6.00 DAILY
Adult - 13-59 Years \$7.00 Tuesday-Thursday
\$8.00 Friday-Sunday
Seniors - 60 and up \$6.00 DAILY

DAILY SPECIALS

Tuesday - All age groups Two for one Admission
Wednesday & Thursday Old Fashioned Dollar Days
Admission until 3pm - \$1.00 / Ride Stamp - Half price until 3pm (\$10.00)
Friday Senior Day \$2.00 Admission until 5pm
Veteran's Day \$2.00 Admission until 5pm
Veterans MUST show proper ID (DD-214, A.L. Card, VFW card or Armed Forces Symbol on Driver's License)
Saturday All Ages \$2.00 Admission from 10am - Noon
Sunday General Admission prices
All Gate Passes, Work Passes, Exhibitors tickets, Courtesy Passes and General Admission tickets **do not** include ride privileges.
ALL VEHICLES MUST BE OFF THE MIDWAY BY:
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY FRIDAY, & SUNDAY - 11:45 AM;
SATURDAY - 9:45 AM
COMMERCIAL BLDGS. CLOSE AT 10 PM NIGHTLY

CAMPING AND PARKING

Fair Week Only - By Reservations Only

Camper/Motorhome Parking, Electric Only \$95.00
Camper/Motorhome Parking, Water & Electric \$125.00
Camper/Motorhome Parking, Water,
Electric & Sewer \$165.00
*Some spaces do not include sewer

EXHIBITORS ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- EXHIBITOR'S TICKET**- All exhibitors in Open Classes must purchase an Exhibitor's ticket. The cost depends on entry date. All entries received postmarked by July 13 - \$10.00. All entries postmarked between July 14 and the close of entries on July 27 - \$12.00. Only one exhibitor allowed per entry ticket and the ticket includes two Fair General Admissions. As an option, you may purchase an Exhibitor Ticket for \$35 which includes 7 daily General Admissions to the Fair. See Entry Forms for details. **Note:** The purchase of an Exhibitor Ticket does not constitute a membership in the Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society and further does not entitle the Purchaser to vote at the Annual Election of Membership Meetings.
- ENTRY FEES** - No added entry fees are required in the Arts & Crafts, Garden Produce or Floral Departments. See the Livestock and Horse Show Premium Lists covering entry fees for all animals exhibited.
- ENTRY FORMS** in all departments MUST be delivered to the Fair Office or postmarked no later than July 27, 2018 except in certain Breeds of Cattle.

EXHIBITORS ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

- Directors, Superintendents and their assistants are not permitted to exhibit in their respective departments. Fairboard office personnel are not permitted to exhibit in any department of the Fair.
- The Judge may require proof, if deemed necessary, as to any doubtful or disputed point.
- All exhibitor's articles and animals must remain on exhibit, no substitutions, until closing time each day, except on Sunday, the last day of the Fair. On Sunday evening livestock will be released at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- Directors and/or Superintendents of the respective departments are in charge of assigning space and/or stalls to Exhibitors.
- No person shall be informed of the number of kinds of entries, except the Directors.
- SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES** on time. Class descriptions should be copied exactly as they appear in the premium book. Entries made will not be scratched and Entry Fees will not be refunded except in case of sickness or accident.
- The Fairboard reserves the right to interpret its own rules and regulations and determine through its Directors-In-Charge all matters and differences in regards thereto. A grieved party may enter a protest, signed by three persons, with the Secretary, who shall lay the same before the Board for their decision at the next session, from which there shall be no appeal.
- Make checks payable to CUYAHOGA COUNTY FAIR. Your check or money order must accompany your entry form. Mail your entry form and check to:
Cuyahoga County Fair
P.O. Box 135 • Berea, Ohio 44017
- FAIR OFFICE HOURS:**
Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday
Year Round: 10 AM - 3 PM
Closed weekends until July 27
July 9 thru August 6 - 9 AM - 5 PM
August 7 thru August 12 - 9 AM - 10 PM
August 13 thru August 17 - 9 AM - 5 PM
- Any Exhibitor who wins over \$600 in premiums must complete a W-9 form before checks are distributed in compliance with IRS regulations. A 1099 MISC will be issued to those exhibitors.
- For rules and regulations not included in the above, Rules and Regulations of the Ohio Department of Agriculture shall apply.

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS and AWARDS

If the proceeds of the Fair, after paying expenses, are not sufficient to pay the Premiums in full, they will be paid on a prorated basis from the funds available.

No premiums will be paid on articles unless they are listed in the Premium List. Other articles may be exhibited, and if deemed worthy by the Board, may be placed on the Premium List the following year.

No person is to interfere with the judges during their examination of stock or other articles. Any Exhibitor interfering shall forfeit his or her premium. Where there is but one animal or article in a class, the Judge may award first, second, or no premium, if he or she deems it undeserving. **Entry tags or ribbons have no value as to the payment of premiums, as premiums are paid only by the records of the Judges' books from which there shall be no appeal.**

Fair Dates:
Aug. 7-12, 2018

Entries Close:
July 27, 2018

**NO EXCEPTIONS
FOR LATE ENTRIES!**

The Cuyahoga County Fair
P.O. Box 135
Berea, Ohio 44017
Telephone (440) 243-0090
Fax (440) 243-0344

Exhibitors Entry Form
For

Exhibitor No.: _____

Receipt No.: _____

Processed By: _____

Entered By: _____

ARTS and CRAFTS, FLORAL*, GARDEN PRODUCE*

Name _____ Cell Phone (____) _____ - _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

City _____ State _____ E-Mail _____ Zip _____

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Enter On-Line at www.cuyfair.com

Check One	Entries MUST be postmarked by July 29, 2016	Fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhibitor Early Entry Fee 2 Admissions - by July 13	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhibitor Entry Fee - 2 Admissions - by July 27	\$12.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhibitor Early Entry Fee - 7 Admissions - by July 27	\$35.00

Please indicate the Total Number of Entries _____

Note: Please Refer to the Premium Book for Exhibitor Entry Requirements
Make checks Payable to: Cuyahoga County Fair
Use Reverse Side of this Form for Additional Entries.

Unclaimed items will be donated to charity
7 days after the close of the Fair.

CREDIT CARD: VISA MC DISCOVER

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name on Card: _____

The Cuyahoga County Fairboard and Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society assume no responsibility for livestock and/or articles exhibited, entered and/or shown upon the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. Exhibitor/Entrant specifically acknowledges his/her or its awareness that livestock and exhibition articles are placed upon and maintained upon the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds by them at their sole risk. Further, entrant/exhibitor agrees to hold the Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society and the Cuyahoga County Fairboard harmless from any and all claims to or resulting from their respective livestock and/or exhibits from any cause whatsoever. The aforesaid indemnification shall include injuries to the person or property of third parties resulting from the aforesaid livestock and/or exhibition articles. The Cuyahoga County Fairboard assumes no responsibility for errors or omissions in the foregoing booklet.

EXHIBITOR (PRINT) _____ FOR/BY _____ EXHIBITOR/ENTRANT _____ DATE _____

Must be signed By Parent/Guardian if Under 18

This Form May Be Duplicated as Needed!



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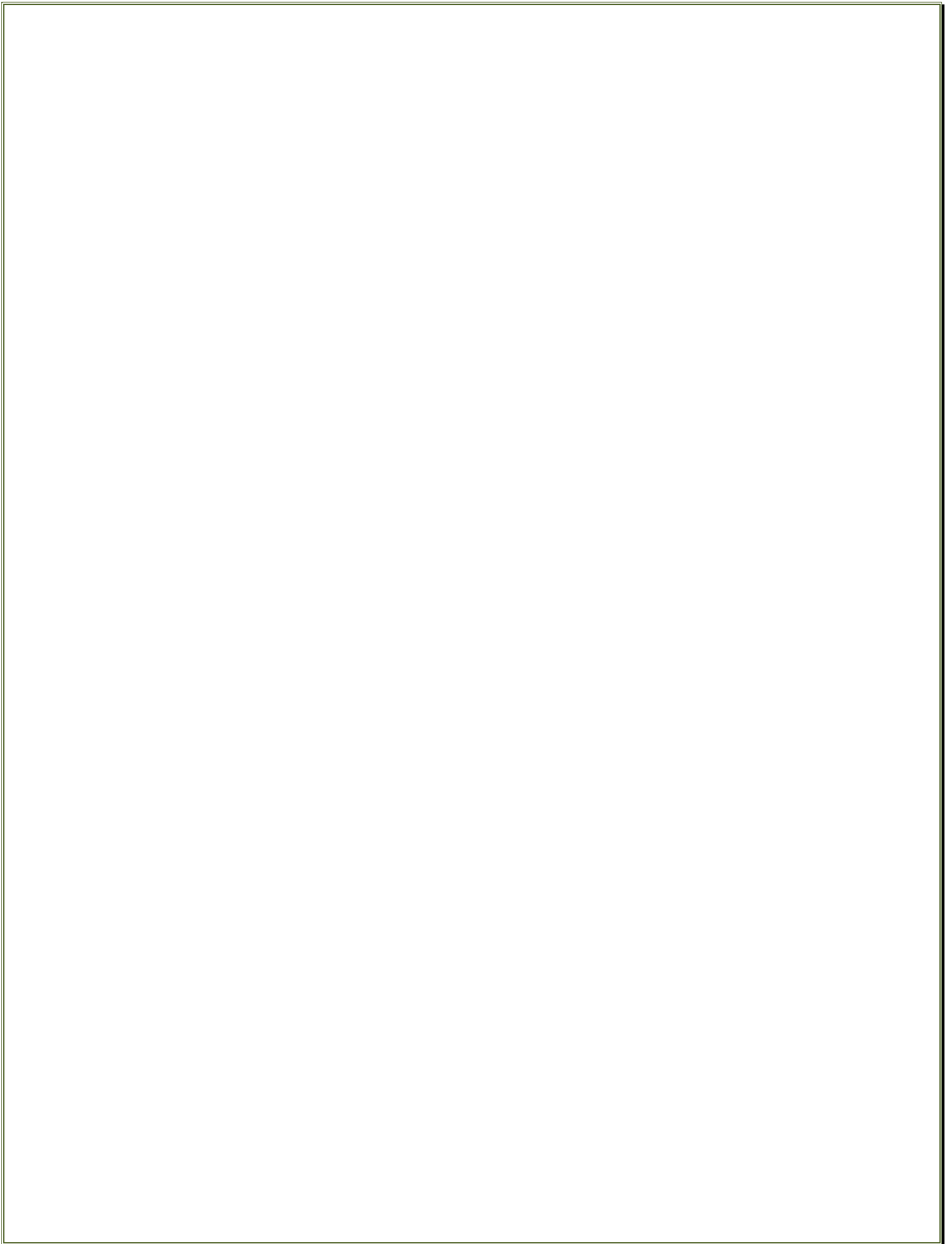
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APPLICATION FOR APIARY REGISTRATION 2018

PLEASE INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH APPLICATION ON OR BEFORE **JUNE 1ST**

<small>THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY APIARY PROGRAM OFFICE</small>		IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:	CERTIFICATE NUMBER:
COMPANY:			
NAME:			
ADDRESS:			
CITY, STATE, ZIP:		PHONE:	
EMAIL:		COUNTY:	
Check applicable box:	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered previously	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Locations	<input type="checkbox"/> New beekeeper

PAYMENT is REQUIRED with APPLICATION. Applications postmarked after June 1st are subject to a \$10.00 late filing fee. Exceptions to Late Fee, after June 1st; New Beekeepers, or registering additional locations.

Fee of \$5.00 per apiary LOCATION (property address) made payable to the "Ohio Department of Agriculture"

Number of Locations: _____ **@ \$5.00 each = Total Amount Due \$** _____ **.00**

Payment by check or money order only; Payment Method: Check# _____ Money Order # _____

DO NOT SEND CASH.

Hive Location	# of Colonies	County	Township	Location Information:			Property Owner's Name	Beekeepers; IF You SELL Queens or Nucs from or at this location, Check 'YES' or 'NO'
				Address	City	Zip Code		
1								<input type="checkbox"/> YES / <input type="checkbox"/> NO
2								<input type="checkbox"/> YES / <input type="checkbox"/> NO
3								<input type="checkbox"/> YES / <input type="checkbox"/> NO
4								<input type="checkbox"/> YES / <input type="checkbox"/> NO
5								<input type="checkbox"/> YES / <input type="checkbox"/> NO

** Please write on back of form to provide inspector with additional directions and/or hive location information, if needed. (GPS Coordinates are helpful and appreciated; please indicate by Longitude and Latitude, in Decimal Degrees.)*

My signature below certifies that the information provided above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

2018 GCBA Membership

New / Renewal (circle one)

Name:

Additional Family Members:

Street Address:

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How many years have you been keeping bees?

How many hives do you keep?

How do you test for varroa mite counts? (please check all that apply)

Sugar roll _____ Alcohol Wash _____ Sticky Board _____

Other _____ No answer _____

The 2018 Membership cost is **\$20.00** per family which includes email of the monthly GCBA newsletter. One person per family may vote in GCBA elections or other official club votes.

Membership application by mail is encouraged.

Please, send your completed application and payment to:

**GCBA
P.O. Box 30092
Middleburgh Heights, OH 44130**

For office use:

Date _____

Amount: _____

Type: _____

GCBA General Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

Call for a motion to approve last month's meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter.

Motion by Dolores Watson and seconded by Ken Keckler. Motion carries by verbal assent.

Membership was reminded of the importance of the sign-in sheet. It informs the Nature Center of attendance numbers necessary to justify the use of the facilities. It is part of club records of participation. It is used in the distribution of door prizes.

Due to some odd internet fraudulent activity recently, the Treasurer's report was given verbally. The board will discuss how to securely share GCBA financial information with the membership in the future at the next board meeting.

Treasurer's report given by Tony Indovina.

Motion to accept by Bob Stone and seconded by Ben Franklin. Motion carries by verbal assent.

Our Treasurer, Tony Indovina, will be stepping down for personal reasons. He will remain an active board member while we find a replacement and will assist in the transition of the position. If you are interested in stepping up for this position, please talk to Tony or Allyson and they will answer any questions you might have.

HB 392 is a proposed nuisance law to protect beekeepers in Ohio. There are links on Facebook and the GCBA website to support this bill being brought to the floor for a vote. Please consider participating in comments.

As often occurs in changes in leadership board members may choose to no longer participate actively. Mike Gallagher and Mark Vandayburg notified the board via email that they would no longer serve as Trustees. We now have two Trustee board seats that will need to be filled. If you would like to know more about the activities and duties of a Trustee, Gary Laisey, as a seated Trustee, can share his experience with you and answer any questions you might have if you are interested in volunteering for that position.

Thank you to Allyson May, Delores Watson, Rick Moranz and Denzil St. Clair for our comprehensive Beginner Beekeeper Classes. You all do an amazing job of conveying a great deal of information that is needed to start out on the right foot in beekeeping.

Thank you also to Brenda Theurer who continues to post interesting things to the GCBA Facebook page.

Thank you to Gary Laisey who comes extra early to each meeting to start the coffee and set up the meeting room.

Thank you to Tammy Mallett who handles the kitchen to be sure we have everything we need for a comfortable refreshing evening and then cleans up after all of us.

New beekeepers should be rereading their books regarding the installation of your packages and the first two weeks of activities needed to help your hive build up. Be ready for your bees.

Experienced beekeepers should get out the Swarm Essentials book or other good resources and review the signs that you need to look for in your hive to anticipate swarm behavior. Have a plan to manage your bees and their needs. If you do not want to increase your apiary but need to split to avoid a swarm, have a beekeeper or two on standby who wants to increase their apiary.

The GCBA Field Day will be held on May 19th at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. This is an almost entirely a hands-on day of learning as requested by the attendees from last year's field day. Less sitting in chairs just listening and more getting hands on tools and equipment with the bees. We will have live hive demos. There will be one set of hives for beginners and one set of hives for more advanced beekeepers. Registration information will be in the April newsletter and at the April meeting. Preregistration is preferred so we can plan appropriately for food. Lunch is included.

Newsletter mentioned a fellow looking for some pollination services. See Annette if you are interested.

Request motion to call the meeting to a close. Motion by Bob Stone. Seconded by Kyle Burkett. Motion carries with verbal assent.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Janice Maund, GCBA Secretary

Minutes approved by: Membership & Annette Birt-Clark, GCBA President

Minutes approved on: May 10, 2018

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GCBA General Meeting Minutes *April 11, 2018*

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Annette welcomed the members.

Treasurer, Tony Indovina, made a verbal report of the current state of finances disclosing that in addition to the current GCBA checking account a second savings account has been established. The vice-president, Allyson May, has been added as a secondary signature on both accounts. The only major expenditure was the club's insurance.

Annette thanked Sheri, Iulia, Rose and Janice for representing GCBA at the Westlake Rain and Garden Show at Crocker Park. GCBA's community outreach at events such as this one help educate the public and advocate for our bees and beekeepers.

Our past Director, Mike Gallagher, singlehandedly moved the bylaw review process forward, beginning in the middle of 2017, month after month until his resignation. He did a great job for the club and we appreciate his efforts. The last scheduled bylaw review meeting was held on March 7th and in addition to board members we were fortunate to have four club members attend and participate in this review meeting. Thank you to Jackie and Larry Kelly, Bob Stone and Phil Bartosh for participating. The process of bylaw review/revision is a work in progress.

Larry Theurer, past president, informed the membership that due to the GCBA board resignations of Mike Gallagher (Director), Mark Vandayburg (Director), Tony Indovina (Treasurer) and Larry Theurer (Past President) the board does not have a quorum (as defined by the current bylaws as five) and therefore no new Club business can be acted on as it stands.

He further raised a motion that read: "Since the Executive Board no longer has a Quorum due to the resignation of 4 Board Members, I make a motion that a Notice of Nominations for the vacant offices be made and such nominations be accepted at the May, 2018 Membership Meeting and said Special Elections be held at the June, 2018 Membership Meeting."

Motion was seconded by Dave Benedict and was carried by a majority of hand votes of those present.

Our 8th annual field day will be held on May 19th. Early registration is open and encouraged. Cost is \$5.00 per person (with pre-registration) or \$10.00 per person on the day of the event. Youth (16 years of age and under) accompanied by an adult are free of charge. Members who have lost a hive and have a bunch of dead bees on the bottom board are encouraged to gather up 50 to 100 dead bees and put them in a zip lock bag in the freezer for field day. Anonymous nosema smears under microscopes with Peggy Garnes are one of our many activities.

Stephanie Sadlon, who is coordinating the field day, needs helpers to put it all together. GCBA members are encouraged to sign up as volunteers.

Hive Tracks is an online software for beekeeping record keeping. They have generously offered all GCBA members an extended free trial period from 14 days to 35 days and also 25% off an initial subscription. Any member in good standing may use the discount code (GCBA) and receive 25% off. If you want the extended trial period of 35 days, we must submit your email address to Hive Tracks as they will have to link your email address in their system for the extended trial period. If you do not choose to use Hive Tracks we will NOT share your email address. As always, you choose to take advantage of an offer and you

choose to share your information. In this case, GCBA will just be confirming your membership status.

Motion requested to call the meeting to a close. Allyson May called the motion. Cliff Wire seconded the motion. Motion carries by verbal aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20PM.

Minutes submitted by: Janice Maund, GCBA Secretary

Minutes approved by: Membership & Annette Birt Clark, GCBA President

Minutes approved on: May 11, 2018

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