

LCBA Board of Directors Meeting  
July 12, 2022

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5 PM

2. Roll Call:

Name	Position	Present	Absent
Jim Belli	President	X	
Josh Boller	Vice President	X	
Perry Plescia	Treasurer	X	
Nancy Scott	Secretary	X	
Scott Farrell	Director of Programming	X	
Peggy Williams	Director (NewBees, Fair)	X	
Tom Miceli	Director (Web)	X	
Frank Moriarty	Past President	X	
Karen Belli	Guest	X	

\*Quorum: 4 members present

3. Secretaries Report (Nancy Scott):

- Nancy reported that she sent out the notes from the June and July meetings as well as notices about the special Hive Inspection / Pizza Party and the Lake County Fair.
- Nancy has been working with Peggy on the online sign-up website for the Fair and created mailing labels for volunteers who were not able to pick up their fair tickets at the meetings.
- The May 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Minutes were approved via email and sent to Tom to post on the website.

4. Treasurer's Report (Perry Plescia)

- Perry reported that we have about \$14000 dollars in our account.

5. Computer update (Tom Miceli)

- We have used the new computer at the last two meetings.
  - Tom will maintain the computer.
  - Frank will give Tom a padded computer bag.
  - Tom has computer speakers we can use if our presenter wants to share a video.
- The meeting room at the bank has a good speaker system, but the microphone the bank supplies has to be held by the speaker and the microphone cord is not very long.
  - Tom suggested a lapel mike with a clip-on transmitter. The cost is \$160 and because there are two transmitters, two people can use the mike at the same time. This system is compatible with the Bank's speakers.

**A motion was made by Josh Boller and seconded by Perry Plescia to purchase the recommended microphone for \$160. Motion passed.**

Committee Reports (Peggy Williams) – As of 7/12/22 we have 43 names on the Newbee google group. These are members who joined between October 2021 and July 2022.

- NewBees (Jim Belli)
  - Jim questioned whether our current method of supporting new beekeepers was effective. The following are some of the ideas discussed. No decisions were made.
    - There are only a few new beekeeper members that attend our open hive meetings.
    - Would it be better to develop an individualized support system?
    - Should we email the Newbees to see what they need?
    - Should we create a Newbee survey?
    - Should we set up a formal mentoring system?
    - September meeting is a panel discussion should we ask Newbees to bring your questions for the panel?
    - Move the Newbee signup to the small conference room at the bank?
    - Have hats that say GOT BEES? ASK ME A QUESTION? for Board members to wear so Newbees would know who is available for questions?
    - Have a white board for questions? Bring white board to September and have it at the picnic. Have a question on the white board to get it started.
    - Take a few items from Chores of the month to talk about at the meeting
    - Create a list of people for Newbees to call if they want to shadow someone?
    - Create a NewBee list with where they live?
    - Stress having the State Inspector come to their apiaries?
- Lake County Fair (Peggy Williams)
  - We have had trouble getting people signed up to volunteer at the Fair.
    - Eight of the slots are being filled by Peggy and Nancy.
  - We have two slots open: Wednesday from 5 to 9 and Sunday from 10 to 1:30.
    - Tom will ask his neighbor if he would help out on Sunday morning when Tom and his wife are covering the both.

6. Old Business: no old business

## 7. New Business

- Future Meetings

- August 4<sup>th</sup> picnic: Karen stated that the correct town for their address is Old Mill Creek. Nancy will resend out the notice Karen made. Make sure members know to mail their money to Perry. Karen needs to order the food two weeks before. Karen will resend information to Racine Kenosha Bee Club.
- The Club has two extractors (one manual and one electric and two decapping tanks. What should we do with them?

**A motion was made by Perry Plescia and seconded by Frank Moriarty to raffle the extractors and decapping tanks during the Picnic on August 4 and at the September meeting. The winner does not need to be present at the drawing at the end of the September meeting but they will need to pick up the item at the Belli's farm. Motion passed.**

- Frank will bring the extractors and tanks to the farm and Jim will clean them.

**A motion was made by Scott Farrell and seconded by Perry Plescia to have three separate raffles and to charge the following for the raffle tickets.**

**Electric \$20 (\$1400 for a new 6-8 frame extractor)**

**Manual \$10 (\$500 for a new 4-6 frame extractor)**

**Tubs \$5 (\$189 for a new tub) there are 2 of them**

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- Future speakers

- September will be an open panel discussion.
- Jim has a list of potential speakers that he will send to the Board.
- October – State Bee Inspectors Mike and Peter?
- Ideas – putting wooden ware together – demonstration or actively putting together?
- November – “how I run my hives” these are some things you might want to try in the future. This is more of January to March meeting?
- Winter Meeting – Making Comb Honey?
- November: Petra – products of the hive?
- December – Ron Fisher – cooking?
- Storing your equipment for Winter? A topic for September panel and also storing the product?

- Need to put together a nominating committee.

- Additional Comments

- We are using Kaisers for the August picnic.
- The Fair supplies has a number of plastic tablecloths. Does Karen need them for the picnic? The fair has cloth tablecloths now that are embroidered with our logo.

- Frank will create a blind questionnaire about what people are selling their honey for during our September Meeting.

Meeting adjournment: A motion was made by Frank Moriarty and seconded by Perry Plescia to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Scott, Secretary

Approved via email July 19, 2022