

# GCBA Board Meeting

April 18, 2018

Start Time: 7:11 PM

Adjourned: 9:00 PM

## Attending:

Annette Birt-Clark

Allyson May

Tony Indovina

Gary Laisy

Janice Maund

Stephanie Sadlon (Guest)

Bob Stone (Guest)



Annette announced that the Farm Bureau confirmed support for the Field Day. Stephanie agreed to pick up the check this Friday.



Discussion regarding the hive to be installed at the CCF (Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds) apiary. Need to procure additional items to complete the setup as the hive that was to be donated to WVIZ auction was not complete. It was agreed that we needed a hive top feeder, an additional deep (with frames), two medium supers (with frames) and an entrance reducer. Tony will order the additional equipment to be picked up when the bees arrive using the GCBA credit card.



Discussion of finding new venues for board meetings. It was clarified that while all members may attend the board meetings that according to the bylaws the board is not required to notify the membership of changes of venue. The membership may contact a board member to determine the meeting location. Annette suggested that in the future she will announce the location and time of board meetings at the general membership meeting as well as in the GCBA newsletter to allow members the opportunity to attend.



Liability waivers must be signed by everyone attending Field Day. In the future they will be combined with membership applications and renewals.



Allyson initiated a discussion regarding Larry Theurer's motion at the general membership meeting for an immediate election. Upon reviewing the bylaws, it is invalid since there is no language that allows for a member to call for an election. She has drafted a letter, that she shared with the board, notifying Larry Theurer that he may (according to the bylaws) present a petition signed by ten members to the President of GCBA requesting a meeting to discuss an election. All agreed to the letter content but asked that the letter contain Annette's full address.



Discussion regarding the present format of the general meeting. All agreed that future meetings would have the speaker presentation first and the business meeting following the presentation. A time keeper will be appointed to keep the speaker within the agreed upon time limits.



Allyson is now officially on the GCBA bank account. Tony's dated (as of March 29) resignation has placed both the GCBA and Tony at risk legally (as a GCBA signer on the account) and liability wise (with insurance). Allyson has agreed to become temporary Treasurer if another Treasurer cannot be appointed in a timely manner. Tony verbally agreed to be appointed temporarily on the board as the acting Treasurer through May, 2018. He stated that he will continue to assist in the transition on a month-by-month basis as needed (pending completion and updating of all records to date of transfer).



Discussion regarding possible appointment candidates to fill in the vacated positions until the next election. Everyone participated making suggestions and comments. Annette and Allyson will reach out to possible appointees.



Val Eck sent the GoDaddy Renewal information to Tony. All contact information needs to be updated and secured as part of the domain name renewal process with GoDaddy. Contact information will be updated. Discussion about the benefits of a five-year renewal (\$159.07) with guaranteed protection service. Issue tabled until May meeting. Renewal not due until June.



Annette informed us that Medina has its own hive inspector and that they provide financial support by providing hive inspection materials for him. After some discussion and realizing that Phil (our inspector) buys his own inspection materials, it was decided that GCBA provide him with an annual stipend of \$100 to defray his out-of-pocket expenses. It was also suggested and discussed to dedicate the GCBA hive at CCF in memory of Gail Bartosh. Annette will reach out to Phil to see if he would be alright with this memorial. Possible dedication at Field Day.



Discussion regarding the necessity of door prizes. Agreed to look at it again in May due to time restrictions.



Stephanie distributed Field Day Agenda and discussed agenda items. There was some tweaking here and there to put everything in a manageable time frame. Everyone agreed and Stephanie assured us that everything was under control. Several board members offered to be there and provide whatever help she needed on the day of the event.



Brief discussion about scheduling a face-to-face meeting with Denzil and Sheila with the board to thank them for their continued support. Nothing definite at this time.