

GCBA Board Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2018

In Attendance:

Annette Birt Clark Allyson May Tony Indovina Janice Maund
Mike Gallagher Gary Leasy Mark Vandyburg Larry Theurer

Guests:

Stephanie Sadlou

Meeting called to order: 7:30 PM

Meeting dismissed: 9:20 PM



The recently vacated position of Secretary was formally voted on and Janice Maund was appointed (Motion by Tony – Second by Mark...unanimous decision) to begin immediately.



Expiration dates of the three Directors was discussed and clarified.

Director Mike Gallagher's term is through 2020.

Director Gary Lasey's term is through 2018.

Director Mark Vandyburg's term is through 2019.



The limited storage space (two bins) at the Rocky River Nature Center was discussed. The secretary was asked to inventory the bins by the president. It was decided that the lending library (to be established) would be a portable entity on some sort of wheelie mechanism.



There was discussion, clarification and approval of the letter for Educational Grant Funding to Leo S. in the amount of \$1000. Field trials will begin late summer. Larry (liaison) will follow up contacting Leo with the board's recommendations regarding the field day presentation and progress reporting to the board.



Discussion and formal vote on subsidizing and co-hosting the Medina Beekeepers' Randy Oliver (Scientific Beekeeper) event to be held on Sunday, March 4th at William's on the Lake in Medina. The venue seats 250. There will be a \$10 per person charge that goes to Randy's research efforts. It was agreed to donate \$250 (Motion by Larry – Second by Mark, unanimous decision).



Discussion regarding what equipment is owned by the Fairgrounds and what is owned by the GCBA. Determined that the GCBA owns the bees and the Fairgrounds owns the hives in the beeyard as well as the observation hive. Larry is currently the barn superintendent and will check with Dennis to see if the club can install additional hives to create a teaching hands-on apiary. There was further discussion about liability issues for all the members while at the Fairgrounds inside of the apiary. Tony will investigate our current insurance coverage. Decided by board unanimously that no child under the age of ten will be allowed to

participate in the hands-on activities at the Fairgrounds during the field day and must be accompanied by a parent. (Motion by Tony – Seconded by Allyson).



Audit Committee established: Tony, Stephanie and Michael. Committee will review the books and prepare a report to be presented to the board and the membership. Quickbooks program was purchased by the Treasurer for \$549.38 for club business. It is a three user/three-year program and Tony has been trained in using it. Reimbursement to Tony was approved (Motion by Mark – Second by Allyson...unanimous decision).



Annette suggested that we start using a payment system called “Square” for the convenience of the membership. There is a 3% convenience fee attached to the user. Annette will follow up and inform the members.



Discussion on adding a privacy policy to the bylaws. Motion by Mike – Second by Tony...unanimous decision. Board will vote on bylaw changes at next meeting.



Discussion on Field Day Budget and Club Meeting prizes. \$1600 approved for Club Meeting prizes (Motion by Mike – Second by Mark...unanimous decision). \$1500 approved for the Field Day Budget (Motion by Allyson – Second by Mike...unanimous decision). Discussion regarding using local queens from Peggy Garnes, Laura Urban and Apiary Dave as prizes or for raffles. Possible raffle of two hives this year instead of one.



Odds & Ends: New Beekeeper Classes begin in February...no scholarship entries this year. Suggestion to try to involve the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and other local school districts next year in the two age categories (8 – 12 years and 12 -16 years). Suggested that to support the new beekeepers some experienced beekeepers would wear “ask me” buttons and make themselves available before and after classes to address questions the new beekeepers may have. Nametags identifying the officers were also encouraged. All new members will be encouraged to take advantage of the American Bee Journal reduced rate cards during the classes. Allyson discussed using the email system twice monthly for new beekeepers and all members to remind them of timely tasks in the beeyard.



Motion to dismiss by Larry – Seconded by Tony.

Approved on: _____