

GCBA Board Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2019 – Berea Library

Present: Annette Birt Clark (via phone) Allyson May
Brett May Janice Maund
Carl Schiller Phil Bartosh

Absent: Larry Kelly

Start: 7:00 PM

Adjourned: 8:55 PM



Meeting speakers for 2020 are booked through April. May speaker write up for RRNC will be due the first week of January. Annette will sign the 2020 RRNC contract on behalf of GCBA.

Officer seats that need to be filled for the 2020 term: President, Treasurer and Secretary. Discussion followed. Allyson volunteered to create a one-page handout of job/duty descriptions. Annette will address the issue at the next general meeting.



MOTION: To change the GCBA Post Office Box from Middleburg to Fairview Park as soon as possible.

Made by Allyson. Seconded by Carl. Passed Unanimously.


The old P.O. Box will be maintained through the end of the year. Allyson will handle the transition and request that all mail be forwarded to the new box.


All new GCBA applications, forms and website will be updated to include the new P.O. Box address. Annette will notify the webmaster of the change when it is implemented.





Field Day 2020 – Topic/focus? Discussion followed. Conduct a beginner's program and intermediate program simultaneously. Rearrange the hands-on hives and limit the number of participants during the demonstration. Bring in additional hives (with Dennis's permission) to be located on the other side of the fence in the back of the bee barn to be removed at sundown. Appoint GCBA officers as facilitators to prevent pushing and bogarding of prime observation positions. Use


chairs to allow for two levels of viewing, Annette will reach out to different presentors and check on availability.

 **MOTION: GCBA will participate in a pilot project with Westlake High School to provide training for one adult and up to six new beekeeping students free of charge with one free book. There will be an expectation that in return the students will make a presentation of their experiences (including visuals) to the membership at a later time to be mutually determined. This project will be re-evaluated by the membership and board to determine if it will be continued. This pilot project will be in lieu of the student scholarship program.**
Motion made by Annette. Seconded by Allyson. Unanimously passed.

 There was a discussion of possible changes to the student scholarship program that included but was not limited to allow only GCBA members to apply with the beekeepers themselves being the mentors and the applicants being relatives (children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, etc.) of at least 12 years of age. This would be a one-time per member opportunity. The discussion was tabled by Allyson until a future meeting.

 The 2020 Beekeeping Classes were discussed. \$75.00 will remain the fee. It was suggested to put the current liability form on the reverse side of the application form and new membership/renewal form to simplify information management. It was agreed that the line for “additional family members” be removed. There will be only one name per membership since it was only one vote per membership. There will be only one email as well associated with the membership. There will be a clipboard available at every meeting if members would like to have additional email locations to receive the newsletter.

 Phil suggested that we use sticky nametags at all future meetings to create a more friendly environment for our members.

 The holiday party will be on December 11th. Brett will order the lemon chicken for the party as it was a big hit last year. In lieu of raffle prizes Janice recommended GCBA promotion gifts for all attendees. Ideas discussed included coffee mugs, sweatbands, bandanas and pens. Janice will get estimates with the club logo for the November board meeting.

 The bylaw revision committee has stalled out. It will be revisited hopefully by the 2020 board team.

