

GCBA Board Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2019 7:00 – 9:30 PM

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

Absent: Larry Kelly

GCBA July picnic was successful. 35 members attended. Dennis Eck and Val discussed how to present entries in the CCF. Regulation honey jars were given to the attending members. There were 23 jars left over and they will be stored in the GCBA storage unit. Noted: We will need two propane tanks for any future use of the CCF grill. Bulk water was used instead of individual bottles of water as a more environmentally responsible choice.

Allyson confirmed that she has been reinstated in the Administrator capacity on the GCBA Facebook.

It was decided to use the remaining GCBA handouts (that had been printed for the “Party for the Planet” event on Earth Day) for the CCF.

We will hold off on printing GCBA promo pamphlets until after the Fair.

Discussed and decided to print (or secure donations) coloring sheets to be used during the Fair for children. Annette has secured some additional bee activities aimed at younger children.

CCF time slots are being filled in via personal phone solicitation by Annette. There are still a few times when additional help will be needed. Additional help is needed for setup (August 3rd and 4th) and breakdown (August 10th and 11th). Volunteer t-shirts for the CCF will be yellow. Copies of procedures and expectations (used last year) will be updated and distributed digitally to all volunteers before the Fair.

Motion: To appoint Phil Bartosh to the board as a director for the remainder of this year as Director until the next election.

Motion made by: Annette Birt-Clark

Seconded by: Janice Maund

Passed unanimously.

Welcome to the board Phil! Phil has agreed to run in the next election for the three-year Director position. Thank you Phil for stepping up. Annette will notify Kathy to add Phil's contact information to the website.

Lily, our scholarship winner, is doing well with her first hive thanks to the support and mentoring efforts of Allyson, Carl and Annette. Marilyn and her family have not (as of this time) secured the necessary permit from the city of Cleveland to allow the hive to be installed legally. There was some discussion as to whether to carryover the scholarship (hive and bees) to next year but no decision was reached. There was discussion regarding the continuation of the scholarship program as it currently exists. The scholarship advertisement traditionally printed in the CCF booklet was not printed this year. It appears only on the GCBA website. Additional discussion included changes to the program availability with GCBA members and their families (children/grandchildren) to be solely eligible for the scholarship thereby eliminating the need for outside mentoring; elimination of the program altogether; and offering the program to the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Many points were made but consensus was reached on the motion below. Subject will be revisited at a later time.

Motion: To immediately change the age requirement to a minimum of 12 years of age for the GCBA scholarship.

Motion made by: Brett May

Seconded by: Janice Maund

Passed unanimously.

Annette will notify Kathy to change the age requirement on the website.

No progress on the Bylaw Revision Committee. Nominations for officers will be in October and elections held in December.

The budget for 2020 will be reviewed at the August general meeting.

The membership list will be updated as soon as possible.

It was decided that the P.O. Box will remain in place through December at which time (December 1st) GCBA will purchase a P.O. Box in the Fairview Park Post Office building. A forwarding request will be made for the next 90 days from the old P.O. Box.

Carl informed the group that Max, our GCBA scholarship winner from two years ago, is still keeping bees successfully. It was suggested that he invite him to speak to the club at a general meeting. Carl will follow up.

There was a discussion about purchasing notebooks and folders for the 2020 new beekeeper classes and the 2020 GCBA field day. It was decided that GCBA would purchase : 100 spiral notebooks for the beginner classes and 100 folders for field day. Janice will follow up.

Discussion about addressing the intermediate and advanced beekeeping educational needs both at field day and during general meetings. More discussion on this topic in the future.