

GCBA Board Meeting

June 20, 2018

Bob Evans, 17011 Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights

Start Time: 7:05 PM

Adjourned: 8:36 PM

Attending:

Annette Birt-Clark

Allyson May

Brett May

Gary Laisy

Carl Schiller

Janice Maund (via phone)



Discussion on filling the Treasurer's position, purchase of computer for GCBA, Quick Books software with Cloud backup. Possible reduction of purchase price due to 501C status. No motion made, tabled pending future research.



Discussion of Kirsten Traynor's presentation. Lodging needed for one night (7/5). Only water and snacks will be provided. Breakfast with Kirsten and Leo has been scheduled. Board members were invited to attend. There were some concerns about the safety protocols that Leo may or may not be using in his research with AFB (American Foulbroad). The breakfast meeting will provide a good venue to discuss these issues since Kirsten is an experienced researcher. Topic decided upon: Over the Atlantic, European Intensive Hive Management.



Sunday, June 24th, Carl will be representing GCBA at a table in the Botanical Gardens. Still hoping for another volunteer.



Member survey results indicated that the drone marking activity was a favorite. Very positive comments overall. Good turnout.



July 11 will be the GCBA Picnic at the CCF Pavilion. Dennis Eckhart will set up the tables, cook and give a presentation re: how to enter the CCF Fair (honey and other entries). Allyson and Brett volunteered to bring the beverages and paper products.



Discussion of upcoming activities for the CCF Fair. Dennis promised two tables. Possible kid's activities could include coloring sheets and/or crafts. Board members were encouraged to call members and encourage them to sign up to cover hours.



So far only one member (Dane) has volunteered as the GCBA librarian. We need more volunteers to get this project up and running effectively.



Larry Kelly volunteered for the bylaw revision committee. Board members were encouraged to make calls and see if other members would volunteer. According to the current bylaws, the bylaws must be reviewed every five years. Possible email vote on the bylaw revisions was discussed.



Brief discussion on storage facilities necessity. Brett volunteered to investigate prices and locations for future consideration.



Discussion on current position of past president (Dennis Eck's role). He has been consistently absent from both general and board meetings. It was the board's consensus to continue to make decisions re: GCBA business in his absence and share information via email. Some discussion about the need to advertise February New Beekeeper classes and the student scholarship process. Nothing decided at this time.