

GCBA Board meeting Minutes

June 19, 2019 7 – 9 pm, Berea Library. Present: Annette, Brett, Carl, Allyson, Stephanie.

Field day was discussed. As one person was bee-stung, discussion included idea about having epi-pen or Benadryl available. Decision was made not to 'provide' either option but a note may be added to Field Day post suggesting attendees bring their own Benadryl, bee-sting medicine.

Suggestion made for bee-yard presentations that during demonstrations, people refrain from conversations so observers can hear the speaker. Idea was discussed to have a "beginner" demonstration and an "advanced bee-keeper" demonstration, simultaneous. Space restrictions may prevent this from becoming reality.

Honey jars were purchased for give-away at July picnic. Supplies were retrieved from storage for the picnic, dropped off at Annette's home.

Name tags for all attendees at Field Day was recommended. Name/face familiarity is a benefit to all.

Lilly has received her bee package. Carl helped with install and will mentor, as will Allyson. Lilly has been stung, so she is now an official bee-keeper.

By-law review is on vacation, hoping to jump-start in August.

Budget for 2020 has been requested by Pres, Annette. Would like to present to member's for approval at December meeting.

Bee hive status for Marilyn and Jonathon on 'hold', pending City of Cleveland yard inspection. Scholarship winners who have a hive (Lilly) will be mentored into the fall.

Discussion regarding eliminating the July picnic in the future; after Field Day, most bee-keepers are busy with hive work and many people are busy with vacations and warm weather commitments.

Discussion to purchase an observation hive to display at CCF in August and use for other GCBA public/education events. All present liked the idea.

Discussion to establish a 'phone-a-friend' mentor list. Information sharing is positive, especially for new - bee's. How do we start this list; post on web-page?

Discussed an "open forum" for 30 minutes prior to the monthly bee meetings. Can discuss current problems bee keepers are having, answer questions, hear testimonies from keepers about what is working and what isn't.

Meeting closed at 8:45

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