

February Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:04p.m.

An announcement was made of Dennis Eck, past GCBA President, mother's death. An arrangement was sent from the club.

Reminder that any motions on the floor must be made by members in good standing. Motion requested to approve January meeting minutes as posted in newsletter. Motion made by Natalie Morris. Second by Jackie Kelly. All in favor. Motion carries.

The Treasurer's report will be skipped for February as Tony collecting membership applications, class applications and renewals. The Treasurer's report will be presented in March and going forward.

You may, and are encouraged to, gently collect dead bees from your bottom board or dead out for GCBA Field Day on May 19th. Gather 40 -100 bees, gently, place in zip-lock bag in freezer where they will not be jostled around. Peggy Garnes will have microscopes set up to conduct nosema smears and we will have magnifying glasses to check for mites.

Annette is looking for about a dozen foil pie pans for a club project. If you have one, please bring it to the March meeting. Also at the March meeting there will be an activity which requires empty, rinsed out 2 Liter bottles. If you have one or two, please bring them to the March meeting.

Westlake will be holding the 2018 Rain and Garden Show on March 23, 2018. GCBA will be setting up a educational table and Directors Mark Vandayburg and Mike Gallagher will be coordinating participation of members, set up and break down for the event. The time is 10:00am – 2:00pm and will be held at Market Square in Crocker Park. Please, see Mark or Mike to volunteer an hour or two for the club.

Bees may have been flying today and may tomorrow depending on the rain. Check for the location of the cluster. Do they need food? What will you do?

Consider getting an Ohio State Beekeepers Association "Save the Honey Bee" license plate when you renew this year. OSBA is our statewide organization working for all Ohio Beekeepers. They are sponsoring a Honey Judging class in March to held in Akron. There will be about two years of activities to complete the process to become a honey judge. They are also working to get a nuisance bill passed to protect Ohio beekeepers from nuisance lawsuits. They have sponsors for the bill and have participated in 3 round table discussions to date.

Annette asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Allyson May makes the motion. Delores Watson seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:14pm.

Side note: We are looking for 2 additional members to volunteer either from 9:45am till noon or from noon till 2:15 at the Rain and Garden Show on March 23rd. Our table will contain beekeeping equipment and club information. This is a great opportunity to let the community know that they have a local resource for honey bee information. If Mike or Mark are not available, see Annette.