

# GCBA General Meeting Minutes

*April 11, 2018*

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Annette welcomed the members.

Treasurer, Tony Indovina, made a verbal report of the current state of finances disclosing that in addition to the current GCBA checking account a second savings account has been established. The vice-president, Allyson May, has been added as a secondary signature on both accounts. The only major expenditure was the club's insurance.

Annette thanked Sheri, Iulia, Rose and Janice for representing GCBA at the Westlake Rain and Garden Show at Crocker Park. GCBA's community outreach at events such as this one help educate the public and advocate for our bees and beekeepers.

Our past Director, Mike Gallagher, singlehandedly moved the bylaw review process forward, beginning in the middle of 2017, month after month until his resignation. He did a great job for the club and we appreciate his efforts. The last scheduled bylaw review meeting was held on March 7<sup>th</sup> and in addition to board members we were fortunate to have four club members attend and participate in this review meeting. Thank you to Jackie and Larry Kelly, Bob Stone and Phil Bartosh for participating. The process of bylaw review/revision is a work in progress.

Larry Theurer, past president, informed the membership that since the GCBA board resignations of Mike Gallagher (Director), Mark Vandayburg (Director), Tony Indovina (Treasurer) and Larry Theurer (Past President) that the board does not have a quorum (as defined by the current bylaws as five) and therefore no new Club business can be acted on as it stands. He further raised a motion that read: "Since the Executive Board no longer has a Quorum due to the resignation of 4 Board Members, I make a motion that a Notice of Nominations for the vacant offices be made and such nominations be accepted at the May, 2018 Membership Meeting and said Special Elections be held at the June, 2018 Membership Meeting." Motion was seconded by Dave Benedict and was carried by a majority of hand votes of those present.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> annual field day will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Early registration is open and encouraged. Cost is \$5.00 per person (with pre-registration) or \$10.00 per person on

the day of the event. Youth (16 years of age and under) accompanied by an adult are free of charge. Members who have lost a hive and have a bunch of dead bees on the bottom board are encouraged to gather up 50 to 100 dead bees and put them in a ziplock bag in the freezer for field day. Anonymous nosema smears under microscopes with Peggy Garnes are one of our many activities.

Stephanie Sadlon, who is coordinating the field day, needs helpers to put it all together. GCBA members are encouraged to sign up as volunteers.

Hive Tracks is an online software for beekeeping record keeping. They have generously offered all GCBA members an extended free trial period from 14 days to 35 days and also 25% off an initial subscription. Any member in good standing may use the discount code (GCBA) and receive 25% off. If you want the extended trial period of 35 days, we must submit your email address to Hive Tracks as they will have to link your email address in their system for the extended trial period. If you do not choose to use Hive Tracks we will NOT share your email address. As always, you choose to take advantage of an offer and you choose to share your information. In this case, GCBA will just be confirming your membership status.

Motion requested to call the meeting to a close. Allyson May called the motion. Cliff Wire seconded the motion. Motion carries by verbal aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20PM.

Motion to accept the minutes as read by the secretary by Fred Hartman, seconded by Dolores Watson. Approved by a unanimous verbal aye.

Minutes submitted by: Janice Maund, GCBA Secretary

Minutes approved on: April 11, 2018

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