

# GCBA General Meeting Minutes

*March 14, 2018*

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

Call for a motion to approve last month's meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. Motion by Dolores Watson and seconded by Ken Keckler. Motion carries by verbal assent.

Membership was reminded of the importance of the sign-in sheet. It informs the Nature Center of attendance numbers necessary to justify the use of the facilities. It is part of club records of participation. It is used in the distribution of door prizes.

Due to some odd internet fraudulent activity recently, the Treasurer's report was given verbally. The board will discuss how to securely share GCBA financial information with the membership in the future at the next board meeting.

Treasurer's report given by Tony Indovina. Motion to accept by Bob Stone and seconded by Ben Franklin. Motion carries by verbal assent.

Our Treasurer, Tony Indovina, will be stepping down for personal reasons. He will remain an active board member while we find a replacement and will assist in the transition of the position. If you are interested in stepping up for this position, please talk to Tony or Allyson and they will answer any questions you might have.

HB 392 is a proposed nuisance law to protect beekeepers in Ohio. There are links on Facebook and the GCBA website to support this bill being brought to the floor for a vote. Please consider participating in comments.

As often occurs in changes in leadership board members may choose to no longer participate actively. Mike Gallagher and Mark Vandayburg notified the board via email that they would no longer serve as Trustees. We now have two Trustee board seats that will need to be filled. If you would like to know more about the activities and duties of a Trustee, Gary Laisey, as a seated Trustee, can share his experience with you and answer any questions you might have if you are interested in volunteering for that position.

Thank you to Allyson May, Delores Watson, Rick Moranz and Denzil St. Clair for our comprehensive Beginner Beekeeper Classes. You all do an amazing job of conveying a great deal of information that is needed to start out on the right foot in beekeeping.

Thank you also to Brenda Theurer who continues to post interesting things to the GCBA Facebook page.

Thank you to Gary Laisey who comes extra early to each meeting to start the coffee and set up the meeting room.

Thank you to Tammy Mallett who handles the kitchen to be sure we have everything we need for a comfortable refreshing evening and then cleans up after all of us.

New beekeepers should be rereading their books regarding the installation of your packages and the first two weeks of activities needed to help your hive build up. Be ready for your bees.

Experienced beekeepers should get out the Swarm Essentials book or other good resources and review the signs that you need to look for in your hive to anticipate swarm behavior. Have a plan to manage your bees and their needs. If you do not want to increase your apiary but need to split to avoid a swarm, have a beekeeper or two on standby who wants to increase their apiary.

The GCBA Field Day will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. This is an almost entirely a hands-on day of learning as requested by the attendees from last year's field day. Less sitting in chairs just listening and more getting hands on tools and equipment with the bees. We will have live hive demos. There will be one set of hives for beginners and one set of hives for more advanced beekeepers. Registration information will be in the April newsletter and at the April meeting. Preregistration is preferred so we can plan appropriately for food. Lunch is included.

Newsletter mentioned a fellow looking for some pollination services. See me if you are interested.

Request motion to call the meeting to a close. Motion by Bob Stone. Seconded by Kyle Burkett. Motion carries with verbal assent.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Motion to accept the minutes as read by the secretary by Ed Miterko. Seconded by Barb Lion. Motion carries by unanimous verbal aye.

Minutes submitted by: Janice Maund, GCBA Secretary

Minutes approved on: April 11, 2018

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