

GCBA General Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2018

Program: Denise Ellsworth, Program Director of Honeybee and Native Pollinator Education, Department of Entomology at the Ohio State University Beelab.
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Meeting called to order: 8:15 PM

Thank you to the GCBA Library Team (Laura, carol, Dane and Dolores)!

There will be a book sale at the November meeting of Beekeeping Alchemy for only \$13!

The board has approved funds to purchase a laptop computer for the Treasurer and Quickbooks online version as opposed to a laptop version as was purchased in January, 2018. The past nine months have revealed that the club information can be lost if records are stored on a personal computer only, thus CLOUD backup and dual or triple access was deemed the wiser choice.

Quickbooks simplifies tracking of funds for GCBA. As a registered 501c3 Non-profit organization we must be responsible with club funds.

In 2018 GCBA started a teaching apiary at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds (CCF). CCF apiary has its own hives and is limited for expansion. The long-term goal for GCBA is to have a teaching apiary with a consistent mentorship program. If you know of any location that might meet our requirements please talk to a board member.

We have secured Rebecca Masterman from the University of Minnesota Bee Squad for the GCBA Field Day 2019!

Carl Schiller is representing GCBA at the Cleveland Public Library Makers event on November 3rd. We need a couple more volunteers to assist Carl that day.

October – VARROA!!! What are your numbers? Have you been checking? Now is the critical time to make sure varroa numbers are minimal. If you do not have your varroa under control you very likely will lose your bees before April. The

HBHC guide is online and gives you all of your options as well as the efficacy of each protocol. As urban beekeepers, each of us must make a choice. Do not let your bees perish over the winter because of varroa mites and the disease and pathogens they vector into the hive. Do not be the beekeeper whose hive becomes the varroa bomb that affects any hive within two miles. Be a responsible beekeeper.

2019 GCBA elections are coming up in December. Please consider stepping into a board position.

Brenda has been managing Facebook alone for a long time. Just like the club library, with four members working together, the board would like to have a team of members managing the Facebook page. If you are interested in helping with this task, talk to Allyson.

December is the club holiday dinner. We are looking for a couple members to coordinate the setup and take down of the event. If you are interested, please talk to Janice.

If you have any thoughts for speakers in 2019, please let us know.

If you come across any interesting articles to share with fellow members, email the newsletter editor any time. We are always looking for pictures for the newsletter as well.

Motion to adjourn: Dolores Watson. Seconded by Jo Ann Romick.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

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