

# 2021 OSBA Board Meeting Official Minutes

**DATE:** Jan. 17, 2021

**PRESENT**(Officers) Peggy Garnes, Tom Rathbun, Jeannie Saum, Rod Pritchard;

**Dirs.** Jamie Walters, Linda Miller, Allyson May, Dwight Wells, Nina Bagley, LLOYD Horst, Kelly Morse, Don Crock;

**Reps.** Roger Myers, Dale Olson, Dan Braden, Will Merrill, Joe Heider, Don Crock - 18

**ABSENT:** Alex Zomchek, Rich Stewart, Jim Hopkins, Sonny Ward - 4

## Minutes

Peggy Garnes, president called the meeting to order and read the mission statement.

### **President's Report**

Motion to approve Representatives for the year was made by Dwight Wells and unanimously approved. A motion to approve board meeting dates was made by Tom Rathbun and unanimously approved. President Peggy Garnes shared her reports on the recent Round Table meeting, is asking for a Nominating Committee, has a goal of getting OSU to take on the Master Beekeeper Program, needs a committee for posting frequent updates on Facebook, would like to increase membership, and have people make videos in the bee yard.

### **Vice-President' Report Tom Rathbun**

A motion was made to waive Affiliate renewal fees for 2021 for the established Affiliate clubs, by Tom Rathbun and unanimously approved. Tom will contact affiliates about tax issues and work on newsletter.

**Secretary Report- Jeannie Saum** - Suggested a naming protocol for saving documents. Watch for spam emails from Peggy, president

### **Treasurer - Rod Pritchard**

**Financial Report** – Asked board to use last year's budget as a starting point to make suggestions for the coming year – to be decided at next Board meeting. Will vote to approve budget at Feb. Board Meeting. Storage facility rented in Columbus.

Jamie Walters gave a report from the Technology Committee on progress of website, software purchases, public server us, and new programs being

After a discussion of the struggling clubs around Ohio, due to the pandemic shut-down, a motion to help struggling local bee clubs who have less than \$1000 in their treasury, with grants of up to \$1500 (enough to bring club's account up to \$1500, was made by Rod Pritchard, Discussion ensued about costs and how to implement. Vote taken - approved by majority, 1 abstention.

## **Committees Reports**

**Technology** - official OSBA emails for all directors in this format -

[OSBABuckeyHillsDirector@Ohiostatebeekeepers.org](mailto:OSBABuckeyHillsDirector@Ohiostatebeekeepers.org). TO BE USED FOR ALL OSBA COMMUNICATION AND BUSINESS.

**Traveling Speakers** - contract has gone out to lawyer, paperwork redone; new presentation on varroa being readied; All forms will be on website and be fillable, Motion made to waive the Traveling Speaker fees charged to clubs for 2021 (\$35 - \$50) Approved unanimously. Email will go out to clubs.

**Outreach** - getting bids to have Varroa Guide reprinted; local club events can go on the OSBA website Calendar, send in to committee chair or office

**Fair** - doesn't look like there will be one

**Fall conference** planning speakers, equipment they will need for videos Suggestions to get committees together who want videos - need to get all together and collaborate

**Newsletter - Jamie Walters / Kelly Morse** - final copy almost done, training in Corel will be offered so committee can help with publishing.

**Nominating** - encourage bee clubs to honor Beekeepers of the Year

Old business - none

New Business - none

Other Business - Brief discussion on beekeepers who have had covid, or not - a possible research project to suggest to OSU

Adjournment motion - Dwight Wells