

Emergency 'Email' meeting called by Dana Stahlman, President, on 3/7/2012.

Motion was made as follows:

To all voting Board Members of OSBA

From: Dana Stahlman, President

Re: Your vote is needed to approve signing a letter of agreement with the Ohio Expositions Commission. A copy of this letter follows:

LETTER OF AGREEMENT

This Letter of Agreement (LOA) is created on this 3rd day of March, 2012 by and between the Ohio Expositions Commission ("OEC"), 717 East 17th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211, and **Ohio State Beekeepers Association, c/o Mr. Dana Stahlman, President ("Contractor"), 3075 Mann Rd., Blacklick, OH 43004.**

The term of this LOA shall commence **on July 29, 2012** and end on **August 5, 2012.**

Whereas, the OEC conducts the Ohio State Fair pursuant to R.C. Chapter 991: and whereas, Contractor wishes to provide **honey competitions, educational honey and beekeeping demonstrations, and vendor sales all relating to honey bees** on the DiSalle Center Patio.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual promises and obligations contained in this LOA, the parties agree as follows:

1. Contractor agrees to organize and manage an eight day beekeeping event as discussed with the OSF Director of Special Events.
2. Contractor agrees to organize and schedule two shows/demonstrations per day totaling 16 shows.
3. Contractor confirms that he/she has never been convicted of any sexual offenses or crimes.
4. Contractor agrees that all employees/volunteers be subject to appropriate background checks, including a national sexual predator search.
5. Contractor agrees to provide a minimum of four vendors per day, each paying \$50 per day totaling a minimum of \$1,600 for the entire period, with all funds being paid to the Ohio State Fair not later than June 20, 2012. In the event the contractor is unable to provide vendors to fulfill the \$1,600 obligation, contractor agrees to guarantee the \$1,600 will be paid to the Ohio State Fair not later than June 20, 2012.
6. Contractor shall not incur expense typically billed as "booth/building/location space" for use of the DiSalle Center Patio.
7. OEC agrees to provide Contractor with necessary bleachers required for this event. For additional details refer to the Event Set-Up Form.
8. OEC agrees to allow vendor sales of miscellaneous bee products with prior approval of vendors.
9. OEC agrees to permit parking a contractor provided storage vehicle near the demonstration area for the duration of the above dates.
10. OEC agrees to provide the necessary admission and parking permits for Contractor, staff/volunteers and sponsors.

Contractor agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the OEC, its members, officers, employees, contractors

or other authorized agents from any and all claims, demands, losses, costs or expenses arising from the activities by Contractor under this LOA which may be imposed upon Commission for injury, death, property,

or other damage resulting from acts, commission or failure to act during the terms of this LOA.

Contractor agrees to abide by and be governed by and act in accordance with all applicable federal, state or

local laws applicable to Contractor's activities under this LOA. This LOA is effective upon execution by all parties to this LOA, but shall not be binding until all requirements imposed upon OEC as a state entity have been complied with and this contract has been approved within accordance with state law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of both parties have caused this agreement to be executed as of the date and year set forth below.
OHIO EXPOSITIONS COMMISSION CONTRACTOR

Virgil Strickler,
General Manager

Ohio State Beekeepers Association

Date Signed

Date Signed

As approved at the brief board meeting held in Wooster on Saturday I have worked with the Ohio Expositions Commission for a space 60 x 100 in which the Commission will pay for a tent to cover the event, and provide OSBA referred to as the Contractor with what OSBA must do are a condition of the agreement. It also list what OEC agrees to do.

The \$1600.00 OSBA would be paying the OEC as you read is offset by vendor fees charged to sell honey and bee related products in the tent area. Although the contract does not say anything about Ohio Bee Clubs giving donations to help OSBA, OSBA as an organization could apply those donations to the required fee for sponsoring the Ohio Honey Show. The agreement says we will provide a minimum of four vendors a day. **I will establish a committee of Board Members to work with me in deciding how manage to carry out our obligations under this contract.** **One thing stands out -- the statement about background checks for sex offenders. We will need to know the names of volunteers working in the display area and submit those names to the OEC for background checks.**

The question is this: A vote is need to approve Dana Stahlman, President of OSBA to represent OSBA in signing the Letter of Agreement with the Ohio Expositions Commission (OEC). A yes vote approves the signing of the document. A no vote does not support the signing of the document. A vote needs to be reported within 3 days.

This is an email vote which is to be sent to tarheit@honeyrunapiaries.com

As I understand the agreement, it is required by the OEC as a condition to have the fair display area to agree to all contained in the document. Fortunately, we can add more vendor tables than four, OSBA is in charge of collecting the money for the vendors -- giving us some leaway in determining the size of tables and space given to vendors and controlling who is selling and we have the opportunity to work with all state beekeeping organizations and associations -- giving them a chance to show case their own associations. Chance to add members for all of us, let people know about bee organizations in Ohio, give talks about the importance of honey bees, displays and banners put up within the tent, and include friends of beekeepers such as OSU, 4-H, local clubs, pollinators, etc. I wish we could all meet together to discuss this proposal. We did have a quorum at Wooster to approve the president to work with the OEC and general agreement was that it was a good idea.

Tim will report the votes cast in favor and against the agreement. This need immediate action on your part. If you have serious problems with the language please include all of us in your remarks. The Fair book needs to go to press within the next week or so. If your local association wants to become involved in this, let me know as well.

We will have four months to put this event together. I have appointed Jim Thompson as the chairperson of the Honey Show, and Christy Millhouse of Anna, Ohio to work with 4-H beekeepers with a display. Also Denise Ellsworth has indicate OSU would put a static display up in the tent as well. **But all of this depends upon your support of OSBA's efforts to promote honey bees at the fair.**

This display will be at the entrance to the Ohio State Fair on the North side of 17th avenue and next to the North terminal of the Sky Ride. Almost everyone entering the fairgrounds from the parking areas will pass this display.

I had no idea that the OEC would be so generous to beekeepers. If we were to go to the fair manager and ask for realistic cost paid by other fair vendors for the same spot, OSBA would not be able to do anything of this sort, but because OEC has agreed to give us use of this tent and area for the last 8 days of the fair absolutely free except for paying the premiums for the honey contests, I feel we lose a tremendous opportunity to do what a state organization should be doing. OSBA is going to need to sell the honey show to show OEC that we deserve a chance to do this again next year.

Dana

Comments and discussion received:

none.

Votes received by Tim Arheit (Secretary) by email by 3/12/2012:

Dana Stahlman: Yes
Richard Manley: Yes
Tracy Alarcon: Yes
Tracy Valentine-Cooper: Yes
Tim Arheit: Yes
Daniel Bollett: Yes
Chris Lovett: Yes
Kimberly Flippen: Yes
Richard Mullett: Yes
Sam Hammett: Yes
Joe Kovaleski: Yes
Alex Zomchek: Yes
Dwight Wilson: Yes

No 'no' votes were received.

Motion passes.