

OSBA Chat Session
Friday, June 18, 2010
9:00 p.m.

Attendees: John Grafton, Chair; Joe Kovaleski, Margaret Reid, Jim Tew, John Grafton, Carmen Conrad, John George, Sherry Ferrell

John thanked everyone for coming together for this informal meeting.

John talked about the OSBA Summer Meeting and noted program changes. The outside temperature is to exceed 90 degrees, so the outside activities will be held in the morning and not the afternoon. There are 40 people pre-registered. Paul Cline cancelled his talks to the Summer Meeting because of a pulled back. John and to adjust the schedule.

John discussed the 1:00 p.m. slot on the program. He ask that representatives from national groups get up to discuss their meetings.

- Joe Kovaleski, EAS & HAS
- Carmen Conrad, Honeyfest
- Margaret Reid, Honey Bee Task Force
- Sue Daly (John Grafton), Standard of Identification (SOI)
- John Grafton, Specialty Crop Grant

It was discussed that OSBA Board of Directors needs and updated list of the directors. At this time there is not an updated list. Bob Hooker, President was not present. A Board meeting will be scheduled in July.

Topics that were discussed:

- Update Director information
- Update web site
 - Discussed hiring a professional to do the website
 - Visit webmaster to get password and username of website
 - Margaret suggested Julie Strauser Moose for web site design
 - . Cdoing the website

The group voiced a concern about the Specialty Crop Grant being submitted without the OSBA Board of Directors being included in the planning. John and Jim Tew said there was a very short deadline and it need to be acted upon quickly. The grant was written for \$43,681. It is a 3 fold grant, which will include queen management. This was a concern for board members. OSBA worked with Crossroads and OSU Honey Bee Lab. To submit a grant one group needs a 5013c.

The 3 main objectives of the grant are:

1. Queen management program

2. Educational base of beekeeping groups (power points)
3. Follow up with new beekeepers from the Don Meyers grant

Questions were asked about the gift matching funds (in-kind and cash funds).

Carmen had a concern about OSBA beekeeper memberships. Listed members: 724; expired members: 399. Dropped members 129 in 2008; 270 in 2009. Carmen suggested that directors contact lapsed members to get them to join again. Carmen also had a question, "What do members get for their membership?".

The Ohio Queen Breeders -- Joe Kovaleski requested \$1,000 to expand the projects to purchase queen breeder, nuc boxes. Need a new chair, since Dana Stahlman and Joe Latshaw stepped down.

Jim suggested that Ohio start the an Ohio Queen Breeders' Association which would make it separate from OSBA. This way OSBA can be supporting a group and not an individual. OQBA needs to get together and decide and plan input. Question -- How does West Virginia QBA set up from WVBA.

Joe will talk to initial coordinators to see what they want to do or have a location in Columbus. Joe will get back with John on the concensus from the group.

Fall Meeting was discussed -- Saturday, November 6, 2010 at the Rec Center in Columbus. Confirm price, if any, or make donation.

OSBA -- is to get speaker system, lcd projector, etc.

Discussed having other counties host the fall meeting in Columbus -- Guernsey/Noble other sites. Work at a 50/50 -- have lunch for profit.

Went over when national meeting are scheduled.