

Email Meeting called by Dana Stahlman, 07/04/2012

From Dana Stahlman,

I am going to recommend that the board approve an appointment of Tom Rathbun to fill the position of Director/Representative of the Erie Basin Region. Tom is a member of the Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association and helped me greatly with the OQI which was held at his home near Clyde. He has the support of his local club and has the desire and energy to carry out the duties required of an OSBA board member.

As most of you may be aware, the OSBA board was expanded to 18 members in 2011 with all regions having two board positions. Unfortunately, some regions such as Erie Basin have no OSBA representation on the OSBA board. The board has nine Directors and nine representatives in addition to the officers and past president.

The Heart of Ohio has three directors and these serve until their terms expire. According to the OSBA board make-up I was given by John Grafton when I assumed the presidency of OSBA, One of the Heart of Ohio positions is up for re-election this fall. The other two are assigned to Top of Ohio Region and Erie Basin which are currently occupied by Heart of Ohio OSBA members. These are scheduled for election in 2013. I guess the thinking was that a person must live within a region to run for the Director's position in the future. Thus, I would like to propose a motion to the board which follows:

Since the president can not make a motion, I would like a member of the board to make a motion along the lines I have suggested below:

The approval of the appointment of Tom Rathbun as the Erie Basin Regional Director/Representative to serve until elections in the fall of 2013. Tom will have one vote on the OSBA board, serve officially as the Regional representative of the Erie Basin Region but be considered the Director and not be required to be reappointed by the president for 2013. He will then be open to running for office in the fall of 2013 for the full Director term from the Erie Basin if he wishes.

Tom has provided a brief bio below. Feel free to contact him for any further information you may have. I would like to see a motion sent to the secretary and the secretary then ask for a second and then a vote to confirm the nomination. I realize this could wait until October but I would like to see it done by the time of the Ohio State Fair later this month. Tom will make a valuable addition to the OSBA team.

Dana Stahlman

I am a current member in good standing with the OSBA.

My name is Tom Rathbun from Clyde, Ohio a small community in the southeast corner of Sandusky County. I'm retired from the Sandusky County Sheriff Department, and I retired with the rank of Detective Captain, I was the supervisor of the Detective Bureau and ran the countywide drug task force. My education is with the F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico VA, and Terra Community College in Fremont, Ohio with Law Enforcement Education. I had also worked for over 30 years on a large family fruit and vegetable farm both fulltime and part time. I got interested in honeybees while working on this farm. I'm married and have four grown children and a first grandbaby due in October of this year. My hobbies include beekeeping, woodworking and maintaining 2 acre of fruit trees, Peaches, Apples and Plums.

Thank You
Thomas M. Rathbun

Motion by Tracy Alarcon

Hello Everyone,

I hope that everyone is having a happy and safe Fourth of July.

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Second by Joe Kovalski

Votes Received by July 10th, 2012

Tracy Alarcon: Yes (First)
Joe Kovalski: Yes (Second)
Kimberly Flippen: Yes
Dwight Wilson: Yes
Ron Hoopes: Yes
Alex Zomchek: Yes
Chris Lovett: Yes
Richard Manley: Yes
Susan Valentine-Cooper: Yes
Dan Bollett: Yes
Tim Arbeit: Yes

The vote satisfies the required quorum for a board meeting. The motion passes.