

# 2021 OSBA Full Board Meeting Agenda

**DATE:** Jan. 17, 2021

**LINK:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81630151515?pwd=bEROd0J2NnB4WVNOSEppRzZobHFUQT09>

**REQUESTED ATTENDANCE: 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

## Agenda

- I. Call to order - Peggy Garnes
- II. Changes to agenda - Peggy Garnes

### III. Reports:

#### A. President Peggy Garnes

1. Motion to approve Representatives -Dwight WELLS, 2nd -Lloyd Horst - unanimous approval
2. Motion to approve board meeting dates - Tom Rathbun, 2nd Linda Miller - unanimous approval
3. Round Table Report - 19 participants, about 65-60% new people, lots of participation
4. Nominating Committee - start looking for members now - not on board - people who are open, fair, non-judgmental; need more participation in beekeeper of the year
5. President's goal - Master Beekeeper Program - Committee - Dwight Wilson, Ed Freel, Rich Stewart; have contacted OSU - Dr. Reed Johnson, Dr. Jamie Strange; Peggy will contact OSU soon. Have had some beekeepers asking about this program.
6. Facebook - do we need more administrators adding content - bee related, from ODA, PHI, ... will discuss more later
7. Membership Drive - would like to get membership up to 2,000; (1826 at end of 2020) Kelly thinks we have retained about 200 new beekeepers who now pay. (out of 402 from 2020 bee schools)
8. Round Table - would like to make videos in bee yard, inspections; would like

Round Table promoted on front page of website

**B. Vice-President Tom Rathbun**

1. Motion to waive Affiliate renewal fees for 2021 of the established Affiliate clubs - Tom Rathbun, 2nd Dwight Wells, unanimously approved
2. Tom will send letter to Affiliates about waived fees and financial paperwork due by Feb. 28, for taxes. Can be found on website under Affiliate Program, as fillable forms.
3. Tom will work on Affiliate Newsletter, ASAP
4. Affiliate Tax Issue - Peggy reports - Accounting firm filed group 990 under WRONG EIN number (no nonprofit status and no group) It was their error and they have been called and sent a letter that they are to fix the 990s and refile ONLINE by Monday, JAN. 18 at 3:00, at no charge to the club. Peggy will call immediately if they do not, and will check online to make sure the filing was accepted. This should fix the problem

**C. Secretary Report- Jeannie Saum - Approval of last minutes - N/A - Jeannie will write up**

1. Document naming protocol - year, month, day (ex. 2021 01 17 Board Minutes). Jeannie will send a cheat sheet to board members
2. Jamie - has made official OSBA emails for all directors in this format - [OSBABuckeyHillsDirector@Ohiostatebeekeepers.org](mailto:OSBABuckeyHillsDirector@Ohiostatebeekeepers.org). Email Jamie to ask for it. MUST BE USED FOR ALL OSBA COMMUNICATION AND BUSINESS. (Can set it up to forward to personal email)
3. Check Spam folders of new OSBA email, often
4. Watch for spam emails from Peggy, etc. Check the sender's address. If not [Pgarnes001@neo.rr.com](mailto:Pgarnes001@neo.rr.com) or [president@ohiostatebeekeepers.com](mailto:president@ohiostatebeekeepers.com) - DO NOT OPEN - DELETE

**D. Treasurer - Rod Pritchard**

1. **Financial Report** - Used the same budget as last year. We didn't spend a lot of it due to pandemic. Please look over and make sure any committees or things you are responsible for, have enough money set aside for them. Bring changes to next Board meeting. Will continue to support same organizations (ABF, Honey Fest, Rich-County SW Ohio...) and library grants. OSBA doing well financially. Will vote to approve budget at Feb. Board Meeting.
2. OSBA doing a lot to become independent / stand alone
  - i. Purchased own ZOOM account
  - ii. Moving Website to public server - Dreamcast

- iii. Use of Eventbrite service for scheduling events
- iv. Use of Pod Beam service for podcast
- v. Purchased club subscriptions of Adobe and Corel with multiple users
- vi. Rented a storage facility in Columbus to store OSBA belongings
- vii. More to come - video cameras, microphones to position around the state
- viii. These all came out of the Debit Card account since many are recurring payment agreements

3. **Helping Local Clubs** - 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). Rod Pritchard 2nd Jeannie Saum

- i. Concern about how much this will cost - 44 clubs in Ohio, 15 clubs represented at board meeting are financially sound, leaving 29 clubs. Several regional members say they don't know of clubs in their areas that are struggling.
- ii. How many clubs around the state have a Zoom license for 100? Jamie and Roger are creating Tech Support directions to be posted on website - Roger is "Techtoo" .
- iii. Run this through the Directors, have clubs contact directors to ask for help, turn in bank statement to verify balance. Encourage clubs struggling to hook up with another club that is running ZOOM meetings and join them, try it and get help on the website to learn ZOOM.
- iv. Vote taken - approved by majority, 1 abstention
- v. Rod will write and Peggy will send out letter to all local clubs about this offer. Clubs who need help will be directed to contact their regional Directors. Directors verify need with bank statement and contact Rod to write a check.

IV. **Committees** - 4H/FFA, Traveling Speaker, Affiliate, Outreach, Fair, Education, Event , Fall Conference, Master Beekeeping, Newsletter, Nominating, Finance, Website/Media, ABF-EAS-HAS, Constitution/Bylaws

- A. **4H/FFA - Jamie Walters** -all recipients chosen, will be in Newsletter; Reps, clubs, and mentors have been contacted; buying equip. from Dadant based on bids; Jamie and Roger (?) will be traveling around to drop off (DVDs, handbooks, ADK, stickers, Certif.)
- B. **Traveling Speakers - Joe Heider** - contract has gone out to lawyer, paperwork redone; new presentation on varroa being readied; All forms will be on website and be fillable,
  - 1. Motion made to waive the Traveling Speaker fees charged to clubs for 2021 (\$35 - \$50) Joe Heider, 2nd - Rod Pritchard. Approved unanimously

2. Joe will get email out to clubs

- C. **Outreach - Kelly Morse** - getting bids to have Varroa Guide reprinted; any clubs who want their Bee Schools on the OSBA calendar on website,, send to Kelly; and club that has other events they want on OSBA website calendar, send to Peggy, Jamie, Jeannie, Kelly
  - D. **Fair - Nina Bagley** - doesn't look like there will be one
  - E. **Education - Dwight Wells:** Zale Maxwell is the chair, don't want to speak for him, he should be invited to the Board Meetings. **Rod Pritchard:** getting a handle on speakers they want to suggest for Webinars, equipment they will need for videos they want to produce, internally. Suggestions made by Peggy that lots of committees want videos - need to get all together and collaborate. Could use speakers at Round Table meetings. Could invite members to Board meetings or stream them live.
  - F. **Fall Conference - Tom Rathbun** - committee has had 1st meeting, will meet every 3 wks for now, Jamie/Roger will produce
  - G. **Master Beekeepers- Peggy Garnes-** possible ZOOM meeting on Thursday with some Educ committee members
  - H. **Newsletter - Jamie Walters / Kelly Morse** - he and Kelly working on final copy. Need Lloyd Horst's email and phone #; Kelly USPS nonprofit permit - will save OSBA \$0.75 per newsletter. Once others are trained in Corel, can work together to put newsletter together.
  - I. **Nominating - Peggy Garnes** - encourage bee clubs to honor Beekeepers of the Year
  - J. **Finance - Rod Pritchard** - will get this committee together - need to do reconciliation
  - K. **Website, Social Media - Jamie Walters** - website changing daily, lots of new features, 18 more changes to make, now have counters for events, advertisers,
  - L. **EAS, HAS, ABF - Jeannie, Peggy , Rod** - Margaret Reed is having connectivity issues, Rod to continue as ABF Rep.; Peggy attended the online ABF conf.; EAS offering Devilbis Award for beekeeping education and Mann Lake award for beekeeping adult student, 18 - 24, interested in agriculture - covers expenses to attend EAS Conference (conference still listed as being in ME in July, but will probably be virtual.
  - M. **Bylaws - Jeannie, Rod, Nina** - please read over and send any questions, concerns or suggested changes to Jeannie Saum before the next Board meeting. Pay careful attention to the General Provisions Section near the end. Trying to write into the Bylaws, operating procedures to follow to prevent the problems we have had in the past
- V. Old business - none
  - VI. New Business - none
  - VII. Other Business - brief discussion on beekeepers who have had covid, or not - a possible research project to suggest to OSU
  - VIII. Adjournment - Dwight Wells, 2nd- Joe Heider

