



Ohio State Beekeepers Association

Minutes OSBA Board Meeting June 21, 2020

Peggy Garnes, President	X	Tom Rathbun, Vice-President	X
Tim Arheit, Secretary		Rod Prichard, Treasurer	
Joe Heider, Crossroads	X	Rick Blessing, Crossroads	
Don Crock, Buckeye Hills		Open, Buckeye Hills	
Nina Bagley, Heart of Ohio	X	Will Merrill, Heart of Ohio	X
, Heart of Ohio		, Top of Ohio	
Linda Miller, Erie Basin	X	Sonny Ward, Erie Basin	X
Jamie Walters, Maumee Valley	X	Roger Myers, Maumee Valley	
Alex Zomcheck, Miami Valley		Rich Stewart, Miami Valley	X
Kelly Morse, Ohio Valley	X	Jim Hopkins, Ohio Valley	
Dwight Wells, Top of Ohio	X	Dan Braden, Top of Ohio	X
Allyson May, Western Reserve		Greg Bokan, Western Reserve	
Terry Lieberman-Smith, Past President			

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

Peggy read the mission statement and attendance was taken.

Linda Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting. Second by Dwight Wells.

✓ All voted in favor. Motion Passes.

Secretary's report (Tim Arheit):

See attached

Kelly brought up the unposted meeting minutes and Peggy requested the approved minutes be posted by Wednesday the 24th of June.

President's Report (Peggy Garnes):

It's still very quiet due to the virus and I'm not making any visits to groups. Rod has reached out to the insurance company so we have something in writing as to where the liability lies with the affiliate program or with visits to local associations.

Next week is Pollinator Week and I will be posting something every day to Facebook for OSBA. I would like Directors and Reps to be posting things to be shared with their clubs.

I have been talking with Jamie and Tom about G-Suite and we will discuss that later.



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We have lost a couple of prominent beekeeping figures during the last week that I have shared with Facebook. Ann Harmon passed away due to a medical issue. She was influential with EAS and wrote for both beekeeping magazines. Chrissy Heintz who was the founder of ApisM.

The State Fair is cancelled but Medina's fair was canceled but is back on.

VP Report:

We have one group interesting in becoming an affiliate, but they are not having meeting currently. I will be sending something out to all the groups not in the affiliate program and see if any may be interested. I would like to do something in person but that won't happen until groups start meeting again.

Will Merrill noted that Fairfield County is doing meeting via Zoom and we could join.

Treasurer's Report (Rod Prichard, not present):

Peggy reported that refunds have been issued to vendors for the Ohio State Fair since it was canceled.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter Committee (Jamie Walters & Kelly Morse)

I'm holding spots in the newsletter if we can get a write up on liability, on the conference and the telling-the-bees.

Outreach – (Kelly Morse)

I have sent out a contact list to the board members for local associations. Please review it and send me any corrections. I'd like to have a single, accurate list we can use. And I will work on updating the website as many of the links are broken.

Traveling Speaker Update (Joe Heider)

We have a couple more clubs willing to schedule meetings, but they don't know if they will be doing zoom or in person meetings. We have had a traveling speaker meeting with Tri-County and it went well.

Fall Conferennce (Peggy Garnes)

I have a meeting into the school to determine if we could even meet at the school. We are leaning towards a virtual meeting. The planning committee meets every Thursday and anyone here is welcome to join. All the speakers have committed by email.

If you have any suggestions for the conference, please let us know.

4H (Jamie Walters)

I'm working on new advertising since we will have to advertise on different venues since we normally do a lot of advertising at the fair that is now canceled.

The 4-H judges have been notified that the State Fair has been canceled.



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Education (Peggy Garnes)

We have had a meeting and are working on a brochure in the case that Farm Science Review happens we have something to hand out to farmers on pollination, collaboration, etc.

Master Beekeeping Committee (Peggy)

I've talked to Reed Johnson, as well as Dwight Wilson and Ed Freel who want to be on the committee. I'm also talking to Dr. Strange, the head of the Entomology Department next Wednesday to talk about the program and their thoughts on it. I'm concerned with many chairperson and no participants that have completed the program that we need to take a look at the program.

We still need a chairperson.

Old Business/New Business

DVDs. (Peggy Garnes) The last re-print was 250 and they took a year to sell. I think we should mark it 'out of stock' on the website and we should look into updating them.

Kelly suggested we may not need DVDs as we now have webinars. Jamie noted that all the speakers so far have given us permission to publish the presentations.

Dwight Wells made the motion to temporarily post the DVDs as 'out of stock' and the Board can decide what to do in the future. Will Merrill seconded the motion.

✓ All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Suggestion Box (Peggy Garnes)

I will remind Tim to update the website per the motion at the last meeting. Please send me any of the mail that you get. It has been upgraded at the Post Office from fraud to the inspector level so they are looking to it closer now. I have not heard anything new from the Attorney General.

Nominating Committee (Peggy Garnes)

We don't yet have a committee so if anyone wants to be on it, please let me know. We have to find a secretary, and any other directors that are not running again.

Website Update (Peggy Garnes)

I will be talking to Jamie about updating the website

Email (Peggy Garnes)

Peggy said she has looked into several options for email. Peggy recommended the Board approve moving to G-Suite and that everyone can save their emails from the old site and copy them over by the end of June. The migration may take us a day or two. Jamie has volunteered to do training on G-Suite and how to migrate the information. G-Suite is offered free to non-profits.

Rich Stewart made a motion to move to G-Suite by the first week of July. Kelly Morse seconded the motion.

✓ All voted in favor. Motion passes.



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Motion to adjourn by Dwight Wells, 2nd Joe Heider.

- ✓ All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM



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Secretary's Report - 6/21/2020

Membership is nearly unchanged from last month. Renewals and new memberships are normally slow this time of year and with the lack of events this year, it is somewhat slower than normal.

I have not yet received any of the mailed in renewals or new memberships received as part of our membership campaign from January/February of this year. I am concerned that these members are not going to receive their newsletter and won't be on the swarm list. I either need the applications or a time the Treasurer is available to train on how to manage the membership list so they can be entered directly.

We are out of DVD's. I will need a decision on if we are discontinuing them or if we will be ordering more. Our typically order is a quantity of 250 and the last batch took over a year to sell (initial orders took less than 9 months).

G-Suite, google's email offering, identical to gmail but for companies and will let us use our domain and keep our existing email addresses. This normally costs \$6/month/user, but is offered for free to non-profits. It does come with additional features such as google drive and docs. I would recommend moving to this service as it will make it easier to manage for someone in the future, is better supported, has better spam filtering, etc.