

Minutes of the OSBA Board Meeting

June 9th, 2012

OSBA Summer Meeting

Board Members present were:

- Dana Stahlman - President
- John George - Vice-President
- Tim Arheit - Secretary / Webmaster
- David Crawford - Treasurer
- Dwight Wilson - Director: Maumee Valley
- Kimberly Flippen- Director: Heart of Ohio
- Susan Valentine Cooper - Director: Heart of Ohio
- Dick Mullet- Director: Crossroads
- Alex Zomchek - Director: Miami Valley
- Joe Kovaleski - Director: Crossroads

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:00PM

Dana Stahlman welcomed the guests to the meeting and called the meeting to order. Dana then gave a quick overview of the agenda for the meeting. [Handouts for this meeting are attached to these minutes]

Tim Arheit did not have extra copy of the minutes available, but pointed out they are online for all members to see and will mail it to anyone on request. [Minutes are available on the Ohio State Beekeepers Association www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org under 'About OSBA->Meeting Minutes']. The meetings are being recorded per motions made at a previous meeting.

The roll was taken. A quorum is satisfied.

Secretary's report - Minutes of the previous are available online as well as a copy of all the handouts and email meetings and motions.

Treasurers report - David Crawford passed out a copy of the approved budget and the current financial status. David noted that we are currently in good shape and are currently within budget. One important aspect is sustainability. Thus David suggested that a motion be made to allow the treasurer to take all the life memberships collected in the year and put them into a CD and only use a portion of the money each year instead of using all the money as has been done in the past. Approximately 12 life time memberships have come in so far this year. David announced that his books were always open and if anyone wanted to look at them they could call or email.

Joe Kovaleski made a motion to accept the treasurers report. Second by Dick Mullet. Motion passed.

Dana Stahlman made a report on the Ohio Queen Initiative. Dana Stahlman had a resignation letter from Dwight Wells dated May the 8th. To Dana's knowledge he has not submitted any bills to OSBA regarding equipment purchases. We do know he did incur expenses and David Crawford has contacted Dwight concerning

the bills. Dana Stahlman said the OQI is continuing. Dana immediately took over the speaking engagements. Joe Latshaw is still participating and 4 clubs are also participating. Medina county and East Central Ohio Beekeepers have already received their queen cells. Stark county and Sandusky River valley are making arrangements. The basic program is that we are training people how to handle newly grafted and 48 hour queen cells.

Joe Latshaw is doing research on the transportation of these cells and how successful they are. Dana stated we are very fortunate to have Joe Latshaw as he is doing the grafting, providing the stock and doing the follow up and research which is very beneficial. Dana ask that a letter or certificate of appreciation be sent.

Joe Kovalski made a motion that OSBA send a letter and or possibly a certificate in appreciation of his efforts. Second by Dwight Wilson. Motion passed.

Dana gave an update on the Ohio Master Beekeeping Program. He stated it was a huge win financially for OSBA and that it was very well received. It's also a win for clubs that run events because OSBA does not receive anything for these events, they are just endorsed by the Master Beekeeping Program. As of today we have received almost \$2000 from the program.

Susan Valentine Cooper stated that it was important to keep good communication with those in the Master Beekeeping Program because she had had questions from participants that were unclear what to do. Dana did state he had a monthly newsletter that was sent out to all participants, though those that recently signed up would not have received the last newsletter. Dana also stated that the board needs to consider what will be done to handle the Secretarial work regarding the program in the future. Dana currently has all the records and there are 105 participants currently. Dana has over 100 hours invested in managing the program and is currently happy to do it, but something needs to be done in the future. Do we need to pay a secretary? Can some instruction be given online? All that really exists so far is a pamphlet. Joe Kovalski stated there are concerns with online classes. Dana is currently running about 3 weeks behind assigning ID numbers for the program. Dana stated that he knew we would have growing pains and we need to listen to the members and participants.

Specialty Grant Report [see attachment]. This grant was originally requested by Jim Tew to support the bee lab and was to be administered by Crossroads. It was suppose to be completed before the current administration took office. However due to Jim Tew's retirement, the tornado that destroyed the bee barn, and other things the grant efforts were delayed. The current status of the grant was in the handout. The material being developed by Jim Tew will be hosted on the OSBA website and Tim Arheit will be handling that portion of the grant project. Dana called attention to the last paragraph in the attachment in regards to OSBA's financial responsibility to the grant. OSBA's match was met by work and travel provided by Bob Hooker, Joe Kovalski and others. OSBA did not contribute any money and has no further financial obligation. There will be a final audit at the end of the grant. John Grafton has said the project will be completed and new beekeepers will be able to get information on beginning beekeeping on the website when it is completed. It was not known what the timeframe for completing the project is.

Dana talked to John Grafton and suggested that we not accept a check for over \$1000 that is being returned to us by Crossroads from the Don Myers project that was started in 2008. John said we can't do anything but accept it and they are funds left over that have to go somewhere. Joe Kovaleski said that the funds are not grant funds, but is money that was access money from the registration fees charged to the participants (\$70 for each participant). The project saved money due to obtaining a better price on equipment. Thus all the registration money was not spent. Susan Valentine Kovaleski suggested that the money be used for education because that was the original intent of the money.

Tim Arheit made a motion to put the money received from the Don Myers project in the general fund but earmark the money for education. Second Dwight Wilson. Motion passes.

The floor was opened up for new business.

Dana gave an update on the tent 60'x100' tent we will have at the Ohio State Fair for 8 days. There is a group put together to set up the tent. There will be 2 bee beards each day of the fair. The American Honey Princess will be there and will be giving presentations on cooking with honey. Denise Elsworth will be giving presentations. There will be several presentations each day. The letter of agreement was handed out. The money paid is for premium for the honey show. This is an opportunity we have not had in many years. Honey entries are due by June 20th.

Dana stated we can rent out 4 booths per day at \$50 per day. Drake brothers may be interested and there has been some money already received for selling honey as a vendor. Dana said he would like to invite clubs to participate. Guernsey Nobel county has given \$100 towards the effort.

Tim Arheit announced that he had received a letter from the Tri County Beekeepers association. Dana Stahlman had given a talk there about the education effort and the tent at the fair. Tri County Beekeepers Association has donated \$1500 toward this education effort including the tent.

Dwight Wilson made a motion that clubs can set up at the fair for one day at no charge to encourage them to participate. Clubs or club members would be allowed to sell honey or other goods. This is for this year only. Second by Joe Kovaleski. Motion passes.

Tim Arheit made a motion to allow David Crawford to pay the \$1600 for to the Fair per the agreement by June 20th. Second by Susan Valentine Cooper. Motion passes.

Business cards for board members was discussed. Tim Arheit made motion that OSBA pre authorizes the secretary to order business cards on the request of any board member or staff and that board members should use common sense to request cards only if really needed. Second by Dwight Wilson. Motion passes.

Dana recommended to the board a list of proposed master instructors for the master beekeeping program:

Bill Starrett	Jim Higgins	Denzil St. Claire	Zale Maxwell
Roy Henderson	Ron Hoopes	John Grafton	Tim Arheit
James Tew	Kim Flottum	Joe Latshaw	Joe Kovaleski

Jim Thompson David Heilman Paul Reuter Dana Stahlman
Tim Miklasiewicz Alex Zomcheck Ralph Johnson

The Master Instructors are those individuals who's material is pre-approved to count towards the Master Beekeeping Program. This does not limit other people from giving approved presentations, those other presentations will have to be approved separately.

Dwight Wilson made the motion to accept the proposed list. Second by Susan Valentine Cooper. Motion Passes.

John George gave an update on the Fall Meeting. The fall meeting will be held in Columbus and is where OSBA conducts our official business. ODA has been volunteering their space and it will hold about 120 people. If attendance is as good as the summer meeting we may need to find a new location for the meeting. (Attendance at the summer meeting was estimated around 130-150). It will be held the first weekend in November.

Dwight Wilson suggested that we should have a family registration fee for meetings due to spouses and children of the beekeeper attending meetings. The increased attendance should help vendors, etc. Tim Arheit suggested OSBA considers changing how meals are handled at meetings because the number of meals was overestimated at the summer meeting. Dana named a committee consisting of Dwight Wilson, David Crawford and chaired by John George to explore the fees for families and how meals are handled.

OSBA has a beekeeper hall of fame. The committee to choose the beekeeper for this year is Jim Tew, Jim Thompson and Kim Flottum. Dana said he would like to see recommendations be submitted to the board. Dwight Wilson has submitted three names already. There is no longer a requirement that the beekeeper submitted to the hall of fame has passed away.

John George is in charge of the committee selecting the beekeeper of the year. He asked anyone to please submit any candidates.

David Crawford asked to get everyone's mileage though the end of May by the end of June for reimbursement as per the motion in the January meeting. The President and Vice-President will review the submitted mileage.

Susan Valentine Cooper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Joe Kovalski. Motion passes.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately shortly after 5:00PM

Respectfully submitted

Tim Arheit, Secretary