

Minutes of the OSBA Board Meeting

March 3rd, 2012

Tri-County Beekeepers Workshop

OARDC, Wooster, Ohio

Members present were:

- Dana Stahlman - President
- Tim Arbeit - Secretary / Webmaster
- David Crawford - Treasurer
- Ron Willison - Director: Heart of Ohio
- Dwight Wilson - Director: Maumee Valley
- Joe Kovaleski - Director: Crossroads
- Sam Hammett - Director: Buckeye Hills
- Richard Manley - Director: Western Reserve
- Ron Hoopes - Director: Buckeye Hills
- Tracy Alarcon - Director: Western Reserve

Meeting was called to order at by Dana Stahlman at approximately 12:30.

David Crawford submitted a proposed budget to be approved. It includes cost of the expanded newsletter, master beekeeper program and the Dr. Reed Johnson project. The expenses for the officers may be higher than what it needs to be, but was left alone as it's somewhat unknown and the budget is balanced. The budget should be revisited if income from memberships is less than projected after the summer meeting.

David Crawford also suggested a vehicle for investing lifetime memberships and only using a portion of the lifetime membership 'fund' each year. This is intended to make this model more sustainable long term.

Membership is the income model of the organization. Suggestions for next year is to send out the membership card along with the reminder notice with completed membership information to renew in late Dec, early January. Retention of existing members is critical.

Memberships and income from other programs was discussed. Some concern about the projected membership numbers was voiced.

Dana Stahlman stated that he believed that the master beekeeping program would be a money maker. Both in fees charged by the program and retention of members.

The money given to the Dr. Reed Johnson came from OSU encumbered funds.

Dwight Wilson made the motion to approve the submitted budget. Second by Sam Hammit. Motion passed.

Dana Stahlman discussed the letter send out by Brian Farmer to county commissioners that isn't in favor to the bee inspection program. OSBA has responded and Dana will have the letter published in the newsletter.

The Ohio State Fair has offered a 100 x 60' tent to promote beekeeping. They would like a bee yard, exhibits, and premiums for honey entries. The cost will be \$1600, but we can 'rent' booths in the tent to offset the cost. They will provide a banner and public relations (Columbus dispatch, local TV stations). Every volunteer working the tent will have a pass and parking pass free.

Possible events would be honey tasting, bee classes, bee beards, etc. Jim Thompson as offered to help with the honey show.

Dana Stahlman has a meeting with them Monday (March 5th) to discuss details. This could be a great opportunity for OSBA.

David Crawford made the motion to authorize Dana Stahlman to engage in conversations with the Ohio Exposition Center (Ohio State Fair) to develop a program on the midway. Seconded by Sam Hammit. Motion passed.

Tracy Alarcon made a motion to close the meeting. Seconded by David.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:05PM

Respectfully submitted

Tim Arheit, Secretary