

## Minutes of the OSBA Board Meeting

January 26, 2013

Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church

### Board Members Present:

- John George – President
- Tim Arheit – Vice-President/Webmaster/ Acting Secretary
- David Crawford – Treasurer
- Floyd Ostrowski - Secretary
- Susan Valentine-Cooper
- Kimberly Flippen
- David Crawford
- Zabe Maxwell
- Paul Lane
- Dick Mullet
- Jim Thompson
- Tom Rathbun
- Ben Slay (for Dawn Feagan)
- Alex Zomchek
- Dwight Wilson
- Jerry Wilson
- Terry Lieberman Smith
- Richard Manley
- Joe Kovalski
- Tracy Alarcon
- Mike Albaugh
- Dan Wampler
- Ron Hoops

### Call to Order and Officer Reports:

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 PM by President John George.

The minutes from the past meeting were submitted as posted on-line with no discussion.

David Crawford presented the Treasurer report as published in the January 2013 newsletter.

Motion was made by Tracy Alarcon, seconded by Joe Kovalski to elect Floyd Ostrowski to serve the remaining term as Secretary. **Motion passed.**

## **Committee Reports:**

Budget approved at fall meeting and published in the newsletter.

Audit Report – Audit was complete immediately before the Board Meeting. Audit reflected that the books balanced and report and recommendations to follow. Proposed budget committee: Ron Hoops – Chair, Susan Valentine, David Crawford, and Richard Manley.

Meeting Committee – Committee will visit Guernsey County convention Center to view the facility February 6<sup>th</sup> for the June 1<sup>st</sup> convention.

Membership reported that 2013 is currently being updated. As of the meeting, we have received 147 renewals for 2013.

There was no report from the Nominating Committee – (The committee currently does not exist.)

Public Relations reported that 439 newsletters were mailed and 115 newsletters were e-mailed. Two new advertisers were added this quarter. There was discussion concerning if the newsletter should be public domain or be "members only" benefit. There was additional discussion about having a "members only" section of the website. Tim Arheit stated that this would create additional complexity to the website. Motion was made by Dwight Wilson, second by Tracy Alarcon, to keep the full version of the newsletter on the website and available to everyone. **Motion passed**. Secretary will provide a written summary concerning how members receive the newsletter and Bee Brief mailings.

Master Beekeeping Program: Testing is being created for each level. Approved classes from surrounding states have been added to the website. Study materials are being prepared for the test. John George passed out a preliminary brochure for the program for review and comment. These will be finalized for distribution at Tri-County in March. A suggestion was made to offer individual on-line tracking of progress towards meeting the requirements for each level. It was also suggestion that a line be added to conference registration to indicate if the registrant planned on taking the test in order to assure test centers are prepared. Geographical field days will be planned for testing with trained proctors. John George will provide a communication package for individuals who have already enrolled in the program to explain changes.

Ohio Queen Initiative: This project will be moved to a separate organization – preliminary name "Buckeye Queen Producers" led by Joe Kovaleski. OSBA will promote this new organization. There is a list of Queens, packages, and nuc suppliers available for OSBA members on the website. A suggestion was made for OSBA to donate one dollar per member to the Buckeye Queen Producers.

HAS/EAS: After much discussion, the general consensus was that the Board wants to continue to be represented in National organizations. Alex Zomchek will prepare an overview of expectations of OSBA delegates to these organizations.

Hall of Fame: Committee formed to include Kim Flottum, Jim Tew, and Jim Thompson. If a viable candidate is not identified, then there will not be an inductee this year.

Beekeeper of the Year: Committee to be OSBA Vice President, OSBA Secretary, and last year's Beekeeper of the Year awardee.

## **New Business**

501c3: Want to have completed by end of year – currently waiting for IRS feedback. Suggestion made to revise OSBA Constitution to have a smaller constitution, but longer by-laws. This would facilitate maintaining 501c3 status.

County Club Incentives: Motion made by Tracy Alarcon to discontinue the County Club incentive plan, second by Dick Mullet. Current plan created much confusion at the club level. **Motion passed.** Board would like this incentive remain on the Fall Board Meeting agenda for further review.

Grow Membership: Sign up tables at all events and field days manned by OSBA volunteers. Terry Lieberman Smith to send e-mails to about 2,000 Beekeepers.

Logo Contest: Ron Hoops made a motion to develop a logo contest. Tracy Alarcon second. Rules to be in the newsletter. A committee (Tim Arheit, Terry Lieberman-Smith, and Alex Zomchek), was assigned to post finalist in Fall Newsletter and membership to vote on final winner at the Fall Conference. **Motion Passed.**

Master Beekeepers Instructor List: Master Beekeeper Committee to consider how instructors are qualified and what are the requirements to remain a qualified instructor.

Best Management Practices: Tim Arheit and Tracy Alarcon to review proposed Best Management Practices and post final results on website.

Beginning Beekeeper Training: There is much variation in all the various beekeeping classes. John George will develop a recommended class syllabus. Discussion that the local Directors and Representative monitor local beekeeping classes. There was also discussion about OSBA certifying Beginning Beekeeping Classes. Perhaps OSBA can offer a session on conducting Beginning Beekeeping Classes at the Fall Conference.

Ohio State Fair: Zabe Maxwell reported that the number of classes will be reduced for extracted honey at this year's fair. Three volunteers are needed each day – these hours count towards the Master Beekeepers. Banners are requested from each County organization. Fair to be end of July.

DVD's: 35 videos have been completed and will be on a set of two DVD's. Target selling price of \$24 for the set, tax and shipping included. DVD's offered at events will have a target price of \$20, tax included.

Website Grant: Tim Arheit to provide an accounting of grant funds used for the website.

Mike Albaugh request that OSBA provide a listing of qualified speakers for local clubs.

Terry Lieberman Smith requested that club activities be sent to her for inclusion in the newsletter by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Paul Lane discussed a license plate promoting beekeeping. A petition signed by 500 people will be required to activate the program. This can be a fund raiser for OSBA. Tim Arheit made a motion that OSBA provide up to \$50 to promote the project. Second by Joe Kovaleski. **Motion Passed.**

Motion made by Tracy Alarcon to adjourn the meeting. Second by Susan Valentine-Cooper. **Motion Passed.** Meeting adjourned at 3:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Floyd Ostrowski, Secretary