



Ohio State Beekeepers Association

OSBA Board Meeting – Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2018

In attendance: Terry-Liberman-Smith, Peggy Garnes, Tim Arheit, Michele Colopy, Tom Rathbun, Dwight Wells, Don Crock, Joe Heider, Mariska Wile, Allyson May, Angel Mitchell, Mike Doseck, Jeff Gabric, Ed Freel, John Herlinger

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Terry-Liberman-Smith, President

Terry welcomed our new board member John Herlinger who will be filling the Miami Valley Regional Representative Position.

Meeting minutes for the February 20th, 2018 board meeting were distributed by email prior to the meeting for review. No additional comments or revisions were made.

- ✓ Don Crock made a motion to accept the minutes.
- ✓ Second by Allyson May
- ✓ All in favor, Motion carries.

Secretary Updates (Tim Arheit):

Membership Numbers

Currently 1774 active members:

- Trial members for 2018: 753
- Paid: 1021
 - Lifetime Members: 242
 - Yearly Paid Members: 779

Members who were free trial members in 2017/2018 and who are now paid members

- 2018 Trial members that are now paid members: 5
- 2017 Trial members that are now paid members: 140

We are expecting a few beginning beekeeping class rosters that will increase the trail membership for 2018 somewhat.

4-H Partnership Program Update: All students now have their equipment and we are looking forward to their quarterly updates.

Web Page Assignments: If you have any more feedback on the website, please send it by the end of the week. We did not receive the grant to refresh the website so I will proceed with this effort over the summer as time allows.

Treasurer Updates (Michelle Colopy):

OSBA financials:

You will notice a different format to the report. In working with the CPA concerning the annual 990 I have adjusted the categories, so income and expenses are placed into applicable 990 report activity categories based on our mission. If anyone would like the detailed profit and loss I can send it to you. See attached Profit and Loss reports.

Affiliate status:

Ashtabula County Beekeepers Assn.
Greater Grand Lake Beekeepers Assn.
Greene County Beekeepers Assn
Guernsey Noble Beekeepers
Medina County Beekeepers Assn.
Miami Valley Beekeepers Assn., Inc.
Richland Area Beekeepers Assn.
Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Assoc
Tuscarawas County Beekeepers Assn.
Black Swamp Beekeepers Assn.
Portage County Beekeepers Assn
Geauga County Beekeepers Association
Harrison County Beekeepers Association

Harrison County joined just this past week. Total affiliates = 13

Last year we had 10 affiliates. Coshocton chose not to renew, and we have Warren County Beekeepers who have sought affiliate information. All application processing is current, and files are in the drop box.

Expense report:

Due to Board members varying computer software and familiarity with word versus excel, and the directions on the forms, attached you will find a revised reimbursement form. Please use only the WORD document. Please list any donated/in-kind services in the applicable column. Please provide the audit required documentation to verify your expense. It is easier for you to compile the verification for just your activity, then for the Treasurer to compile it for 20 Board members. We are all volunteers and none of us are the “secretary” to or for their fellow board members. Tim is the Secretary of the Board, but only for formal OSBA business, not for his fellow board members. Per the guidelines you were provided you can send in your reimbursement directly after your activity or within the noted timeframe. Do not let your reimbursements pile up for months, as that becomes more work for you and the Treasurer.\

See attached ‘2018 OSBA Board and Committee Reimbursements’

ADK production:

Betterbee has shown positive interest in partnering with OSBA to produce and sell the ADK kit. OSBA would continue to control, print, and sell wholesale the Manual. OSBA would sell the Manual to Betterbee for the ADK kits. We are awaiting the signed agreement from Betterbee and hope to make formal announcements about the partnership to the bee media and our members very soon.

Boy Scout pollinator habitat and beekeeping project:

Working with the Scout Camp to install an observation screen where the hives will be placed. The National Park Service required the camp to NOT use glyphosate, so an organic herbicide was approved. Land prep will begin soon, when the rain stops. June 17 is the opening day of the Scout's "Best of the Midwest-Agriculture" event.

Tri County and SWOBA conference tables:

Comparisons- SWOBA 2016-2018

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
<i>Table attendance</i>	76	97	85
memberships	12	12	12
seeds	6	7	12
ADK kits		5	2
ADK Manuals			6
Window Clings			4
DVDs			1
PayPal charges	\$75.00	\$295	\$335
total revenue	\$420	\$ 755	\$713

OSBA table at Tri-County ---Comparisons

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Conf registration=	969	800	950
Table attendance=	111	137	35
Revenue=	\$1488	\$1560	\$1136
Memberships=	21	13	16

Pollinator Week:

Heavily media focused, but with collaborative events at Cleveland Botanical Garden, Franklin Park Conservatory, and Krohn's Conservatory.

HB 392:

The bill passed the House 80-7. It has moved to the Senate. It was introduced in the Senate March 26, 2018. It has been assigned to the Senate Ag committee (members of which we met with last June and Sept.). Our sponsor, Rep. Stein is presenting it first to the Ag Committee. Two more hearings will

occur for this Senate committee before it can go to the Senate floor for a vote. We will keep you posted concerning testimony date to the committee. However, please keep in mind testimony to legislative committees requires professional dress, prepared and written testimony, which must be sent in prior to the hearing. OSBA is pleased if local clubs support our efforts, but please, they must coordinate it with the advocacy leadership team.

Vice – President Updates (Peggy Garnes):

Honey Judging Class: Peggy is looking into scheduling the other class for part 1 of the honey judging class and work has begun on the syllabus for the 2nd class.

Lithopolis Honey Fest. (September 7-8, 2018) We have a setup and tear down crew in place and a few volunteers to man the booth but need more. If anyone is interested in helping let Peggy know.

Farm Science Review (September 18-20, 2018) It does appear we can get into the Farm Science Review and we have a couple of volunteers already. They may want us to give a talk but we have not heard back from them yet.

OSBA Conference The 2 main speakers have been confirmed and we are waiting on confirmation on the other breakout session speakers. We are working on having a microscope breakout session but have some issues with availability of the microscopes. Dawn Arheit has done an awesome job on the vendors. We will be looking for volunteers for small jobs as the event gets closer.

President Updates (Terry Lieberman-Smith):

ADK Grant Update: All the talks have been completed. Of the 700 free kits, 471 have been distributed. Jamie Walters is doing a great job on the monthly newsletter distributed to students in the program. The remainder of the kits is on a first come first served basis.

Underserved Grant: We have purchased the books for the grant. In addition, bee culture has donated an additional 5 books and a DVD for each of the grants. There are only 5 grants available this year and one group has applied so far. If you are working with any eligible groups, please share the information on this grant with them.

Device Ready Class: The device read class was yesterday (April 14th). 13 people attended, and the reviews were quite good. Local associations need to sharpen their media exposure, and this is a start. We did a bit more than break even on the class.

Traveling Speaker Program Update: Out of the 25 classes, we have 16 already scheduled. Tim Arheit gave the talk 'Sustainability Thru Nucs' last week to the Greene County Beekeepers Association and the reviews were positive. We did rework the presentation based on feedback. Jamie Walters will be giving it next week to another group and we hope to finalize it after that.

Lithopolis Support: Terry Lieberman-Smith noted that we supported Lithopolis last year at the \$250 level and asked if we want to do the same this year.

- ✓ Mike Doseck made a motion to donate \$250 again this year.
- ✓ Second by Peggy Garnes
- ✓ All in favor, Motion carries.

Printed Newsletters: Mike Doseck stated in the last couple years he's had people that take the beginning beekeeping class that do not have email and thus are not receiving the newsletter under the beginning beekeeper outreach program (Currently the trial membership includes only emailed newsletters). Would it be possible to email them?

There was discussion around the feasibility including a mailed newsletter to these people for the first few newsletters and possibly having a 'newsletter subscription' for those who cannot join OSBA. The current newsletter cost is about \$2.55 each including printing and postage for a cost of \$10.20 per year.

Tim Arheit will gather numbers based on the past years trial memberships to estimate the cost of mailing newsletters to those who cannot receive email.

Strategic Plan Committee Reports:

Terry Lieberman-Smith noted that the goal to complete the projects was by April and for the most part that was done.

Field Day Guide: Dwight Wilson chair, was not present. The Field Guide was distributed with the meeting handouts for review and comment.

City Ordinance: Tim Arheit chair. The complete document was distributed with the meeting handouts for review and comment.

Speaker Resource List: Jeff Gabric chair. A few names have been added to the list, please review and submit any additions to Jeff

Grant Workshop for local associations: Michelle Colopy chair. Please share the information with your local associations. The first class will be held Saturday May 12th. Deadline to register is May 5th. Cost is \$35 per association. (See the attachment)

Terry Lieberman Smith thanked the regional reps that have sent back feedback and pictures. She has heard positive feedback from those who have seen their pictures in the newsletter. This helps promote the local association and gives recognition to the leaders and volunteers of the local associations.

Terry reiterated that the grant presentation is important for anyone thinking of applying for a grant, this presentation is for them. Please share the information with them.

Terry also thanked the board members who have reached out to clubs that may not have heard from OSBA in a while, it is appreciated. She hopes they can take advantage of the programs we have. Please continue to share information with your local associations, if they don't know about a program, they cannot take advantage of it.

Ed Freel reported that Lake County took on a 4H recipient that wasn't selected for the 4H Partnership program. They made sure she received a hive, bees and a mentor. OSBA's efforts have encouraged the local association to take a leadership role!

Reminder: June 15th is the deadline for reports for the newsletter. Please take photos as you attend events. You will receive a reminder but please take notes and photos as you go.

Jeff Gabric motioned for the meeting to adjourn roughly on time 8:25PM, Second by Joe Heider. All voted in favor.