

Ohio State Beekeepers Association Board Meeting
April 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm by Terry Lieberman-Smith, Vice-President.

In Attendance: Tim Arheit, Dwight Wilson, Joe Kovaleski, Richard Manley, Mike Doseck, Peggy Garnes, Chris Dresel, Jeff Gabric, Brad Hibbard, Terry Lieberman-Smith, Michele Colopy, Annette Birt Clark.

Vice-Pres/ Pres: ADK Grant

- Applications to date; 121 complete and shipped – 250 apps received, but incomplete
- 7 Speaker Presentations complete of 30 available
- 8 Additional Speaker Presentations scheduled (evaluations have been very positive and notes will be used for strategic planning)
- Presentation is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes
- Funds from grant are allocated to send multi page brochure (created by Tim) to every beekeeper in Ohio. Printing will be completed by Ohio company.
- 76 ADK kits have been sold either at events or online (recouping 62% of costs for all 300 available for sale)
- 66 manuals sold of 300 available (40% of expense recouped)
- Clubs may purchase 10 or more manuals at wholesale discount of \$12.50 each with free shipping.

Treas: Feed A Bee Grant Application

- Completed
- Requested \$5000.00 to create and distribute 40,000 brochures to retail, library, extension, nursery, etc. businesses
- Educational materials for the public based on the Ohio Pollinator Protection Plan recommendations (OPP is not funded and has no enforcement- best practices recommendations only)

Vice-Pres: New Beekeeper Outreach

- 92% return rate for roster of new beekeeping students
- 811 free new beekeeper memberships for 2017
- Last year – 492 new beekeeper free memberships of which 78 became paid members to far in 2017 for 15.8% return on outreach investment
- Welcome letter sent to all including information regarding the opportunity for a free ADK and the OSBA fall conference

Treas: Pollinator Week 2017

- All venues confirmed. The honey queen will be in attendance.
- June 17th Cleveland Botanical Gardens
- June 18th Cincinnati Krohn Conservatory
- June 22nd – walk the hill to educate legislators about the OPP
- June 24th Columbus Franklin Park Conservatory

- June 25th Dayton Aullwood Audubon Center

Treas: Scoutland

- Preliminary conversation regarding pollinator habitat planting at Camp Butler
- Investigation into bringing back the Beekeeping Merit Badge back

Mike Doseck: OSBA sponsorship of pollinator planting project

- Preliminary meeting planned with St. Mary's City officials
- Mike requests that OSBA to participate with support in newsletter, signage on interstate and purchase of pollinator friendly seeds
- Is this a one-off project? Is this following OSBA's mission?
- Possible use license plate sales revenue to create program and set aside resources each year to promote pollinator habitat plantings around state
- We have and could use existing template for grant applicants

Michele puts forth a motion that Mike Deseck can discuss possible OSBA support for the project, but more information is needed before any commitment can be made.

Peggy seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Pres: Affiliate Program

- 5 clubs either completed or well into the process
- 8 additional clubs interested and/ or have started process

Pres: Constitution and By-Laws

- Not a day to day operational manual
- Interpretation of lifetime membership – grey area- individual or family?
- Affiliate Program – Representatives nominated by club
- By-Law changes require only board vote
- Constitutional changes require membership vote
- Any proposed changes to be voted on by membership must be published in the September newsletter
- Send request to Tim to be included on the review committee

Brad comments on ODOT spraying on US24. DOA may require them to spray.

Jeff comments that regulations require mowing in many areas. Owners responsible to post "No Spray" zone signage. Hourly employees running mowers may not be sensitive to need to adhere to signage information. Property owner should call if spray occurs when signs present.

Peggy puts forth a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry seconds. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting is adjourned at 8:27pm.

Thank you all for your attendance.