

Ohio State Beekeepers Association Board Meeting  
June 17, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm by Tim Arheit, President.

In Attendance: Dwight Wilson, Joe Kovaleski, Tom Rathbun, Marishka Wile, Angel Mitchel, Richard Manley, Peggy Garnes, Brad Hibbard, Jeff Gabric, Tim Arheit, Terry Lieberman-Smith, Michele Colopy, Annette Birt Clark.

Pres: ADK Sales

- Approximately 160 ADK's have been sold
- Approximately 150 ADK manuals have been sold
- Clubs may purchase 10 or more manuals at wholesale discount of \$12.50 each with free shipping.

Vice-Pres/ Pres: ADK Grant

- Applications to date; 314 shipped, approximately 200 additional applications waiting on documentation
- 13 Presentations complete, 8 on calendar, 9 still available to book
- ADK multipage brochure mass mailing has garnered 30 new members, 1 lifetime
- First survey sent, due back June 18<sup>th</sup>, so far 62% return rate

Pres: Affiliate Program

- Same clubs in process, no new club applications
- Additional responsibilities for club treasurer going forward

Vice-Pres: Underserved Groups

- Rural, inner city, prison, church type groups need assistance to get started
- Should OSBA set aside \$240 to \$260 to provide educational materials
- ADK, videos, books – about \$80 our cost- worth of merchandise
- Connect group with local club for additional local support
- Board members voice support
- Terry and Michele will complete guidelines and application for board review

Vice-Pres: OSBA by the Numbers

- Over 8000 registered beekeepers in Ohio for 2017
- 835 New Beekeeper Free Memberships for 2017
- Current paid membership = 942
  - 220 Lifetime
  - 722 Single/Family/Senior/Student
- 2016 New Beekeeper Free Memberships = 570
- 105 of those are now paid members = 18% retention rate
- New Beekeeper Outreach Program showing positive results

#### Sec: Vacant Board Seats

- Second year OSBA does not have full board
- Tim and Michele comment:
  - We need to look for nominees now for fall elections
  - We need to find and groom our own replacements

#### Sec: Policy and Procedures/ Board Participation

- Need for P&P's documented in board meeting minutes for more than 5 years
- Tim Comments:
  - Board members may want to have an assistant to help take notes at local club meetings and to fill in at events when board members cannot attend
  - Continuity when board members step down or change is important
  - All OSBA events, fair, conference, tables, etc need a manual
  - Ohio State Fair has a good start
  - Michele making one for Treasurer position activities

In an email June 18, 2017, Terry Lieberman-Smith informed the Executive Board members of the following:

#### Treas: Pollinator Week 2017

- Cleveland and Cincinnati Events completed
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Lobby day at the State House
  - 23 Meetings set up – Honey Queen will accompany Michele
    - WV liability laws
    - Beekeepers language for OPP
- June 24<sup>th</sup> Columbus Franklin Park Conservatory
- June 25<sup>th</sup> Dayton Aullwood Audubon Center

#### Pres: Constitution and By-Laws

- Any proposed changes to be voted on by membership must be published in the September newsletter
- Send email to Tim to be included on the review committee
- If you have any comments, but cannot volunteer to be on the committee, please send to Tim

Peggy will send the "OSBA Beginning Beekeeping Class Recommendations" to full board for review.

Peggy puts forth a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry seconds. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting is adjourned at 8:28pm.

Thank you all for your attendance.