



Ohio State Beekeepers Association

January 14, 2024 OSBA Executive Committee and Full Board Meeting Minutes

Officers – Jamie Walters, William Riccio, Lloyd Horst, Kelly Morse, Past-President- Peggy Garnes

Communication Officer- Roger Myers

IT Support- Peggy Yehl

Directors – Chris Dresel, Patrick McGuigan, Kholton Channell, Will Merrill, Dale Olson

Representatives Laurie Kehres, Joe Heider, Angie Manley, Ben Keller, Bob Mann, Theresa White,

Absent: Chris Earnhart, Jim Hopkins

Agenda

The OSBA President called the meeting to order at 7:00.

President Report – There are two individuals willing to step in for vacant board seats, Paul Dorger for Miami Valley Region Directorship and Barb Bloetscher as the Heart of Ohio Representative.

Lloyd Horst moved and Laurie Kehres seconded the appointment of Mr. Dorger for Miami Valley. The motion carried.

Roger Myers motioned and Kelly Morse was the second for the appointment of Barb Bloetscher as the Heart of Ohio Representative. The motion carried.

The **Affiliate** meeting went well. There are downloadable documents on the website to be completed for renewal.

Website updates including new buttons for Donations and Invoice Payments have been implemented and information for programs such as Traveling Speaker, Honey Judging, Quality Award and New Beekeeper Outreach is being updated. Improvements include forms that can be completed and submitted directly or downloaded. A Club/Association contact form is being implemented to allow contact updates for regional clubs. **Website Review:** This should be done by everyone once a month. This is being updated, changed, and corrected as comments & recommendations are being received.

Google Account Training and one on one support is available through our new IT Support person Peggy Yehl. Zoom meetings will be held. Peggy has already sent out an extremely helpful tutorial on how to import a spreadsheet of contacts all at once-a BIG thank you for that!

Vice President – The first Fall Conference meeting was successful and we plan to set the location and the dates at the next meeting in February for the 2024 conference. Also in the works- putting preliminary plans in place for 2025. The Constitution Committee members, Chris Dresel, Peggy Garnes and Will Merrill will be reviewing it to determine what, if any changes need to be implemented.

Secretary Report- Motions to approve the September, October and November minutes, as well as the December Planning meeting minutes and the January 2024 minutes will be requested at the February meeting. These will be sent out well in advance for review and correction prior to the vote. The Life Member mailings will be going out and the Life Member email google group has been created.

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Treasurer- We are working with the QuickBooks expert to streamline the system and implement more effective processes.

Committee Reports – All gave reports about their projects, which are moving along as planned.

Communications- Roger Myers, Updating is going well. **Directors and Reps**-Please send the club association update form to organizations so the website will be accurate.

Traveling Speaker- Ben Keller, the new address permanent address will be on the form. The ADK talk will include a 10% discount from BetterBee for those ordering an ADK kit.

Newsletter- Telling the Bees needs help from regional Directors and Reps, Next deadline is March 1st for Newsletter submissions.

Youth Scholarship- Jamie Walters is transitioning the responsibility of this committee to Bob Mann, Theresa White, Peggy Yehl and Kohlton Channell

Director Reports- Connections are being made and the resources of OSBA are being offered. Some clubs have disbanded but others are returning to activity.

New Business-

Article 10.7 of the Bylaws states: All officers, Regional Directors, and Regional Representatives serve without compensation. Reimbursement for reasonable, actual expenses incurred when acting in his/her capacity as a Board Member or on behalf of the corporation, may be approved by the Board of Directors as necessary.

There has been some concern over the definition of compensation as it regards board members engaging in speaking engagements for the Traveling Speaker program or other activities that are not directly board related but may involve OSBA related activities. In order to clarify this Bylaw it is proposed that we amend article 10.7 to state: **All officers, Regional Directors, and Regional Representatives serve without compensation. Board members are approved to function outside of their elected or appointed position when under contract per the terms of that contract for remuneration. Reimbursement for reasonable, actual expenses incurred when acting in his/her capacity as a Board Member or on behalf of the corporation, may be approved by the Board of Directors as necessary.**

The Budget for 2024- passed

Barb Bloetscher will be authoring a new brochure entitled “the Importance of Bees” Bee Culture Magazine has graciously agreed to pay for half of the cost of this.

Old Business- Reimbursement has a form available on the Board documents file in google drive-this must be submitted monthly.

Other Business – None

Motion to Adjourn 9:02pm