

Oct. 8, 2023 OSBA Executive Committee and Full Board Meeting Minutes

Officers - Peggy Garnes, Kyle Kovacs

Directors - Kelly Morse, Lloyd Horst, Will Merrill, Roger Myers, Chris Earnhardt,

Representatives Laurie Kehres, Jamie Walters, William Ricco, Patrick McGuigan, Benjamin Keller, Dr. Bea Woodall

Absent: Rich Stewart, Jim Hopkins, Joe Heider, Jeannie Saum

Minutes

Call to order made and Mission Statement read by OSBA president. A change to the agenda was made to New Business.

President's Report

IRS update – IRS site reflects OSBA forms are filed and accepted with Form O showing affiliates. Waiting on IRS site to show all affiliates EIN's are accepted.

World Bee Day Committee will be asking for presenters for 650 elementary students at honey breakfast.

Fall Conference Report –More volunteers are needed for the tasks mentioned. Entomology Dept/Bee Lab and Beekeeping Museum will have tours available.

ABF – Conference is in New Orleans, LA, Jan. 2024. A representative is needed.

Waterman Farms is confirmed for the OSBA Planning meeting.

President revised **minutes** Feb.- Aug. - Motion to approve these minutes made by Bea Woodall. Motion passes, unanimously.

Treasurer's report was given showing money in and money out. Discussion for a new tablet for OSBA for use at conferences.

Committee Reports

Affiliates - Brown County Beekeepers is applying for Affiliate status.

Youth Scholarships have been awarded and are posted online. Price of gear has increases approximately \$900.

Technology - Election emails will go out next week or members can send in a paper ballot in the newsletter for mail-in voters, postmarked by Oct. 23, 2023. Video of Telling of the Bees is being prepared for the conference. Facebook notices are posted each time new information is available about the conference.

Newsletter - Due date for articles and ads for Winter Issue is Nov. 15th. Directors and Reps, please try to encourage clubs to do reports. Conference, voting information, and mail in ballots are included. Discussion ensued about raising advertising rates.

Outreach - Notice will be in the newsletter asking clubs to send in class dates and estimates of Bee Schools. Outreach materials and costs need to be on the agenda for budget discussion at the planning meeting.

Quality Awards – The committee has received 5 club's applications: 1 bronze, 1 silver and 3 gold. Requested that the poster be placed at the OSBA table at the conference, and presentations will be done during the Annual OSBA member meeting.

New Business -OSBA President has contacted ODA about speaking with Director Baldrige about the Apiary Inspection Program and a meeting date was confirmed. All items in storage rental have been moved into the OSBA trailer and relocated to the in-coming president's home. Iron Mountain and 2 other companies have been asked to give an estimate for having all old OSBA paper records scanned and saved electronically. Motion was made by the treasurer to have documents scanned, electronically stored, and paper destroyed. Motion carries. OSBA will need to have a Communications Director next year, to be discussed at December meeting.

Other Business – Shirt orders have been sent to 3 companies for estimates. Motion made by Bea Woodall to approve \$450 for ordering shirts for 2023 Conference volunteers. Motion passes. OSBA will be giving a special award to retiring Ohio State Apiarist, Barb Bloetscher, at the conference.

Motion to Adjourn made by Laurie Kehres.