



Ohio State Beekeepers Association

March 10, 2024 OSBA Executive Committee and Full Board Meeting Minutes

Officers – Jamie Walters, William Riccio, Lloyd Horst, Kelly Morse

Communication Officer- Roger Myers

IT Support Officer- Peggy Yehl

Directors – Chris Dresel, Patrick McGuigan, Kohlton Channell, Dale Olson, Jacob Sublett, Chris Earnhart

Representatives- Laurie Kehres, Joe Heider, Angie Manley, Benjamin Keller, Bob Mann, Theresa White, Barb Bloetscher,

Absent: Jim Hopkins, Paul Dorger

Agenda

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

First Order of Business– Mission Statement Change- Moved for vote by Roger Myers 2nd by Peggy Yehl: Change to OSBA Mission Statement on the Website proposes the last bullet point on the mission statement on our website to read:

Support the universities of Ohio in their bee programs-research and extension. Motion Passed

Bylaw change for vote:

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.**

Moved for vote by Lloyd Horst, 2nd Benjamin Keller, Motion passed.

Committee and Officer Reports-

President Report- Betterbee is offering the ADK kits moving forward and will offer a 15% discount to new beekeepers of OSBA. The new ADK book will be printed once the revised file is submitted.

Ongoing relationship building is occurring with the Department of Agriculture and the county bee inspectors. Jamie Walters moved that we offer a complimentary membership to all county inspectors, Lloyd Horst 2nd. The motion passed.

Donation acknowledgement letters have been sent to allow for IRS deductions.

Fair Judges- Jim Thompson and John Grafton have accepted

Treasurer-William Riccio is working on identifying an investment vehicle for the money that we currently have in CDs as the return is currently quite low. **Communication-** Roger Myers stated Board members should check the Google Keep file for to do lists. Google Groups are up to date. **Traveling Speaker-** Benjamin Keller says the ongoing efforts to identify speakers is especially important in fulfilling the needs of this program, we need more applicants for both Traveling Speaker and the Recommended Speaker list. The Winter Bee Talk presentation is being reviewed. **Honey Judging-** Laurie Kehres is reviewing how to improve the conditions for the judges and provide content for the website page. **Quality Awards-Dale Olsen** has been doing outreach to inform clubs about the program and how utilizing the criteria can help clubs improve their presence. **New Beekeeper Outreach-** It was proposed by Kelly Morse that moving forward we ask the new student information be submitted by respective clubs directly to the website, facilitating that will need some work before we can implement it for next year. It was Seconded by Dale Olson. **Newsletter-** Kelly Morse asked that submissions be sent to the Newsletter email rather than the Secretary email. **IT Officer** Peggy Yehl indicated that club communications will only be sent to the official officer emails moving forward. She is available for individual training as needed and continues to assist OSBA on FB and posting on the website event calendar.

Website Review: This should be done by all board members once a month. This is being updated, changed, and corrected as comments & recommendations are being received.

Vice President Report- Lloyd Horst

Fall Conference 2024 will be held 10/25 and 10/26. The Central State University campus in Wilberforce, OH is the location that has been identified. Locations for 2025 will be investigated moving forward. It is proposed that we have break out tracks for small groups at an additional fee.

NEW BUSINESS-Dale Olson asked that we re-consider donating for the World Bee Day event in Cleveland, \$4500 was requested. Upon further discussion it was decided that we will promote it with all avenues available to OSBA as we have not approved that expenditure in the budget for this year.

Fund Raising and legislative representation- Lobbyist are needed, if anyone knows of an individual with this type of skill please let the board know.

Dale Moved to adjourn, Roger 2nd

Motion to Adjourn 9:06 pm