



Ohio State Beekeepers Association

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

Officers – Jamie Walters, 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, Paul Dorger

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

Absent: William Riccio, Jim Hopkins, Patrick McGuigan, Barb Bloetscher

Agenda

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

President Report

HAS- Would like to hold a conference in OH in August. Discussion followed.

Roundtable Discussions- Attendance has dropped with the coming of Spring. It was agreed that we hold them quarterly instead of monthly. Thank you to all the Board members who have been there.

Moving Funds from CDs – The monies currently sitting in low yield financial instruments can be better utilized in a more lucrative manner. Lloyd Horst moved that we re-allocate those funds to the higher yield options. It was seconded by Peggy Yehl and approved unanimously. William Riccio, Treasurer will begin facilitation of this action.

Committee and Officer Reports-

Secretary- Kelly Morse requested a motion to approve the February and April minutes. Laurie Kehres so moved and Kohlton Channell seconded with a correction of the spelling of his name. The motion carried and the Mission Statement change will be posted to the website.

Vice President- We are seeking 2025 locations and stated that the Mansfield location looks promising while others such as Ashland have been ruled out for various reasons. Laurie Kehres had voiced concerns for the lack of breaks for the Honey Judges and positive changes are necessary for the upcoming event.

Communication- Roger Myers stated memberships are slowing down after the peak months. Board members should check the Google Keep file for to do lists. We still have some clubs that have not submitted updated information. Google Groups are up to date.

IT- Questions or issues please call. She is available for individual training as needed and continues to assist OSBA on FB and posting on the website event calendar.

Affiliate Information- Thank you to Roger Myers for updating everything on the website. The years 2016, 2017 and 2018 have been confirmed as completed with the IRS. Thank you to the clubs that have provided POAs so that Our Executive Officers can ask questions and discuss the status of those clubs. The work is ongoing.

Awards-Jamie has received a request from Jim Thompson and Jim Tew regarding some Life Members that have passed away they would like to see inducted into the OSBA Hall of Fame. This will be done at the Fall Conference. **Quality Awards** -Dale is continuing to talk about this program with our clubs and is meeting with favorable feedback. Utilizing the criteria can help clubs improve their presence, please encourage the clubs in your region to participate.

Ohio State Fair- They are seeking 1 or 2 Beekeepers to do 35 minute maximum presentations regarding bee issues and beekeeping in general.

Traveling Speaker- Joe Heider says the Winter Bee Talk presentation is being reviewed for flow and content. He and Ben are discussing possible changes to the speaker agreement for next year. Ben said they have 17 talks so far either presented or scheduled. The question arose as to the status of the budget and how many more may be scheduled within the budget as passed.

Youth Scholarship- Dwight Wells in Top of Ohio is working with some of the kids and they are doing a great job making their reports. There was a smoker contest to see who could keep theirs lit the longest. Wicwas and Jamie provided books on Beekeeping as prizes.

Club Reports were submitted by the Directors and Representatives.

Live Webinars are upcoming regarding Bee Inoculation and BeeWatch

The Website- please have people log in and update the COUNTY- people are questioning why they are not appearing on the Swarm List because they are typing in the Country. People need to update their information by logging into their membership and checking for errors. Peggy Yehl will post this request on FB.

Recommended Speaker Committee comprised of Dale Olson, Benjamin Keller and Peggy Garnes need to review the applicants in the Google Drive Folder.

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.

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

Motion to Adjourn 7:46 pm