



# Ohio State Beekeepers Association

## May 19, 2024 OSBA Executive Committee and Full Board Meeting Minutes

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

**Communication Officer**- Roger Myers-via remote satellite

**IT Support Officer**- Peggy Yehl

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

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

**Absent:** Dale Olson, Jim Hopkins, Paul Dorger, Barb Bloetscher

### Agenda

The OSBA President called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. The Mission Statement was read.

### President Report

**Quickbooks**- The new version is up and running, William will do the 990, Jamie will file via GUI.

**Ohio State Fair**- A schedule will be posted on Signup.com of the positions that need to be filled. The dates are 7/24 to 8/4. In addition, they have 3 Speaker Stage spots, Roger Meyers volunteered for one already-thank you Roger. There are also Demo table spots for our participants to fill. Those will be added to the sign-up spots and it will be first come first served. Jim Thompson, John Grafton, Dee Walters and Laurie Kehres will be Honey Judges. There will be 4 hr slots for 3 shifts per day. Heather is the contact person. Zale Maxwell is wanting to set up adjacent to our tables, Ohio Queen Bee Project.

### Fall Conference Central State-

**Menu**- Review and the committee will make decisions at the next Fall Conference meeting.

Details for the Lab breakout sessions are in the works for wax and entymology, there will be limited spaces available for these. Paperwork for the rentals needed (tables, etc.) is complete.

**Website**- Directors and Reps are asked to communicate events from their region so they may be posted on the OSBA 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.

**Facebook**- Peggy Yehl is spearheading the posting of Club events etc., be sure to communicate items such as field days, club speakers and regional events to her for posting to the OSBA page. Please share the OSBA posts and ask clubs to do the same on their pages.

**HAS**- Would like to hold a conference in OH in August. Barb Bloetscher is partnering with Tri-County in Wooster for additional support and resources. Thank you Barb!

**Dues and Life Memberships**- Discussion regarding an increase, the last one was 2009.

**OSBA permanent mailing address**- This is working well.

Committee and Officer Reports-

**Vice President-** One speaker cancelled. Kelly Morse obtained consent from one person and the signed agreement is in drive, leaving one space yet to fill. The committee is pushing to identify the 2025 location as well as securing some speakers for 2025 in order to promote the event well in advance, hopefully at this year's conference. Peggy Yehl created subfolders for signed contracts, future speakers and topics in the Fall Conference folder of Google Drive. Lloyd Horst requests we please review and comment/add topics and potential speakers.

**Secretary-** Memberships are updated in the Google drive and the remaining New Beekeeper Outreach lists have been uploaded to the website membership list. They should have received their log in information if a correct email was provided. Those members with issues logging in can contact Kelly.

**Treasurer-** The funds approved for transfer by the Board at the April meeting have been moved to a more productive CD. The Board will revisit options in October before the rollover date.

**Communications-** All updates requested have been completed. A Keep folder was added back in March for each district with the clubs that OSBA does not have current info for. The Directors and Reps should have access to the Keep folder for their region. If you do not know how to access the Keep folder please contact Peggy Yehl at [it-support@ohiostatebeekeepers.org](mailto:it-support@ohiostatebeekeepers.org).

**IT-** Peggy Yehl asks all board members to check their email weekly-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.

**Committees-Youth Scholarship-** The recipients are doing well and providing their updates in a timely fashion. **Traveling Speaker** is moving forward with the completion of the next presentation on Winter Bees. **Affiliate Information-** Insurance paperwork has been sent and tax year 2023 is done. Active and revoked status is being sorted through as some clubs need to renew their Ohio charter. **Quality Awards-** Dale was absent but requests that clubs continue to promote the program and its benefits for building a better club. **Newsletter-** The deadline for club articles and "Telling the Bees" is 6/1 and requests that pictures be submitted separately from the verbiage. **Recommended Speaker Committee-** Ben Keller, chair, will organize a meeting within the next 2 weeks to facilitate fulfilling this need of our clubs.

**Club Reports** were submitted by the Directors and Representatives. Thank you for your submissions. Continued outreach and communication is the key in furthering the OSBA mission of connecting and supporting Ohio beekeepers.

Open Forum-

Veterinarian Feed Directives and the need to identify Vets for beekeepers will require partnership with county inspectors. Kelly Morse is working with licensed vets Bill Rogers and Bob Dalhausen to provide further information and guidance. Jamie is pursuing channels through the ODA.

Hives for Heroes was discussed, with the upcoming Memorial Holiday, it is good to see these programs gaining more participation at the local club level and discussion of how to promote at the state level ensued.

**Motions for Approval-**

Minutes -Lloyd Horst moved to accept and it was seconded by Chris Earnhart- the motion passed.

Treasurer Report- Bob Mann moved to accept and it was seconded by Joe Heider- the motion passed.

**Motion to Adjourn 7:58 pm**