

OSBA MINUTES OF 9/20/11

Attending: Dwight and Jerry Wilson; Ron Hoopes; Bob Hooker; Ken Hazard; Dana Stahlman; Joe Kovaleski; Susan Valentine-Cooper; Ben Slay; John George; John Grafton; Carmen Conrad; Margaret Reid; Jim Tew; Barb Bloetcher.

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm at the Reynoldsburg Methodist Church by President John Grafton.

President Grafton set aside the agenda for two actions: Dana moved and Ken seconded that OSBA sponsor a reception for Jim and Sherry on the Friday evening before the annual meeting, with Dana securing gifts for both of them. Motion passed. Dana moved and Bob seconded that Jim Tew and Kim Flottum be inducted into the OSBA Hall of Fame at the annual meeting. Motion passed.

The minutes were then read; John George moved and Joe seconded that they be approved as read. Motion passed.

The treasurer's report was given and discussed, with Ben Slay recommending that provision for dissolution be considered. Bob moved, Dana seconded to approve treasurer's report as given. Motion passed.

Old Business:

President Grafton reported on moving honey, jars, candy, etc. were moved from the OSU Bee Lab (which is still in existence, but dormant) and we could have an auction at the annual meeting or sell honey straight out.

A budget committee of Carmen, Dana and Susan was established.

Dana moved, Dwight seconded that OSBA Board have a retreat, including past and newly elected officers, following the annual meeting and before the first Board Meeting of 2012, with the new president's formulated committees. The purpose of the retreat would be to determine goals and objectives for the year. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Queen Project: Dana reported that it was a bad year with rain through April and May, pushing queens back until June. He had good bee yards, but parks are protected areas with lots of wildlife (coons, skunks, possums, etc.). Problems with absconding, robbing and a hot summer. COBA contributed lots of help. There were many good comments and Dana stated that he was glad to do the project but won't do it again. There is inventory left.

Annual (Fall) Meeting: John George reported that he had a draft agenda, but was still working on it. Kim Flottum has been asked to be the keynote speaker, if he can't do it, John George will ask Joe Latshaw. There will be breakout sessions for beginning beekeepers, improving queens, and tips for marketing. Meals will be provided by the same school that did it last year. Dawn is coordinating vendors. Fees will be \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members.

Membership: Ron Hoopes compared local associations membership with OSBA.

HoneyFest: Lithopolis reported festival larger. John George reported on the OSBA saying they had a lot of activity with honey tasting from Alaska, Hawaii, and Texas. Carmen reported that she handed out many business cards, and the American Honey Princess made many media contacts and was once again a real attraction at the Fest. Carmen also suggested that an Ohio Honey Queen be sponsored by OSBA.

State Fair: Carmen reported that there was good response with a nice display.

Farm Science Review: John George reported that so far the Responses have been good.

Hall of Fame: Dana requested that the Hall of Fame presentation be included in the Fall (annual) meeting program.

Beekeeper of the Year Award: last year's winner, president and vice-president will finalize for annual meeting.

EAS: Joe reported that it was an excellent meeting in Rhode Island. Next year's meeting will be in Vermont.

Newsletter: Information must be in this week. Regional directors should try to submit news that highlight their region.

Nominating Committee: Dwight reported the following slate of officers: **President:** John Grafton or Dana Stahlman; **Vice-president:** John George; **Secretary:** Dwight Wilson; **Directors:** Sam Hammet, Ken Hazard, Joe Kovaleski.

New Business:

John George brought up a discussion on the constitution regarding requiring that members must obey the law. After some explanation and questions, the discussion was tabled.

Dr. Tew gave everyone his new website: www.onetew.com

President John Grafton suggested that there be an October board meeting only if needed for finalizing Annual meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Reid, Secretary