

Minutes of the OSBA Board Meeting

June 9th, 2012

Board Meeting Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church

Board Members present were:

- John George - President
- Tim Arheit - Vice President / Webmaster / Acting Secretary
- David Crawford - Treasurer
- Jim Thompson
- Terry Lieberman Smith
- Tracy Alarcon
- Tom Rathburn
- Connie Schalinski
- Alex Zomchek
- Kevin Lewis
- Mike Albaugh
- Kimberly Flippen
- Shaun Rinehart
- Richard Manley
- Dawn Feagan
- Dwight Wilson
- Dick Mullet
- Susan Valentine-Cooper
- Ron Hoops
- John Grafton

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:30PM

The minutes for the past meetings were presented by Tim Arheit. (Copies and handouts are available online). A suggestion was made to take more brief minutes. Connie Schalinski made the motion to accept the minutes. Second by Dick Mullet. Motion passed.

Individual business cards were discussed. Tim Arheit will make the business card template available for board members to print out their own as needed. Board members that require a larger number of business cards should contact Tim Arheit in order to order them.

David Crawford presented the treasurer report including all tangible OSBA assets. (Handouts available online). \$1648 was received from Crossroads from a previous grant project and it must be used for education. Actual expenses vs. income is about even so far this year. Motion to approve by Tracy Alarcon. Second by Dwight Wilson. Motion passed.

Ron Hoops, Susan Valentine Cooper and Richard Manley were appointed to the audit committee along with David Crawford by the president.

Tracy Alarcon requested that the membership list be release to board members for use in obtaining and regaining members and for budgeting. Tim Arheit will provide the list to the board members by email.

The local association incentive for new members needs reviewed for 2013 to make it more clear and to streamline the process.

David Crawford presented a preliminary proposed budget for discussion for next year. Any suggestions are welcome. The expenses for the State Fair must be considered, particularly considering the number of expenses covered by Dana and others out of pocket.

David Crawford requested that all mileage and expenses be submitted, even if you are not requesting reimbursement so that OSBA can better establish a budget.

The secretary and Tracy Alarcon were appointed to the membership committee. (Note: at the time of this meeting Tim Arheit was acting secretary)

Tim Arheit, Ron Hoops and John George were appointed to the nominating committee (President, Vice-President and the previous years recipient). The committee's purpose is to receive nominations for the beekeeper of the year and to select the 2012 recipient. Nominations should be sent to Tim Arheit.

Legislative Committee and Public Relations were not filled.

Communication to the members is important and the Newsletter and Bee Brief is important. All members receive the newsletter and the Bee Brief is sent to members who sign up for our mailing list. The newsletter is expensive to send out. Going forward email should be encouraged, but we will also only send newsletter by mail to members and past members for only the first issue or two after expiration of the membership.

Terry Lieberman Smith requests that content for the newsletter and bee briefs be sent to her. Events, sales, or other local club information.

Tim Arheit requests submissions for the website as well. He noted that local associations can now enter their own events on the OSBA site.

The Master Beekeeping Program was discussed.

- The only income from the Master Beekeeping Program is from application fees. Local associations are free to charge for classes and OSBA does not see any revenue from this but must have a process in place to approve classes. If however OSBA runs an event, it can receive any revenue from the event.
- Concern of the level of the classes was expressed as well as lack of information available to participants in the program.
- A suggestion was made to publish the names of participants online.
- Members keep their own hours.
- Ron Hoops, Joe Kovaleski, John George and a few others will form the Committee.
- Criteria for the classes needs to be better defined.
- Criteria for passing the levels must be defined.
- A procedure for approving classes other than those given by Master Instructors needs to be developed.

- A suggestion to make mentoring a required part of the requirements for the Master Beekeeping Program.

The Ohio Queen Initiative was discussed:

- The program, in various forms, has started and stopped many times over the years subject to the changes in administration.
- The queen project should probably be an independent individuals that OSBA may support but wouldn't be subject control by OSBA.
- It is important to have good queens in Ohio.
- A Queen association has been created and bank account established but was shelved at the beginning of the year with the start of the Ohio Queen Initiative. It is still available but needs interested individual and funds to file for the 501c3.
- Susan Valentine Cooper will try to make contact with people who may be interested in establishing the group.
- Nothing needs to be budgeted by OSBA for next year, however \$7200 remains in an account that could be used for or to support such efforts.

John George would like to get Sue Daily back involved with the Honey Standard.

Suggested possible topics for the legislative committee:

- Counties that don't have bee inspectors.
- Areas that are charging extra fees for bee licenses.
- Cities that are trying to ban or limit beekeeping.
- Beekeepers kicked out of farmers markets because of labeling or claims of adulterated honey.
- OSBA endorsed best management practices that can be used when going to cities, etc.

HAS & EAS - Joe Kovaleski is no longer eligible to serve next year. John George asked if we should continue participation next year and if we get anything out of it. Should we just join as a state or should we consider sending a member as our representative. Joe Kovaleski was not present to speak on this so the issue was tabled.

Jim Thompson is going to present the plaques for the Hall of Fame nominees for this year. Dwight Wilson made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation for nominees. Second by Dick Mullet. Motion passed.

John George will get the plaques engraved for the Hall of Fame nominees.

John George gave an update on the fall meeting. Details are posted online along with registration information.

Obtaining 501c3 status was brought up. This topic has come up a number of times over the years but has never been followed through. Without a 501c3 OSBA cannot apply or be eligible for certain grants. Donations from individuals can be tax deductible with a 501c3 and it's possible that advertizing will be easier to sell with it. Obtaining a 501c3 status is a lengthy process that can take months to complete. The upfront cost is \$750 and the ongoing costs is the time to fill out an online form. There is also a \$50 cost with the state to revise our articles of incorporation. Susan Valentine Cooper is willing to handle much of the paperwork with the help of

the board. Tim Arheit made the motion to give Susan permission to start the process of application and authorization to pay for it. Second by Tracy Alarcon. Motion passed.

The Ohio State Fair was discussed for next year. Issues and suggestions that were brought up:

- It is an event that can revitalize OSBA and get the name out there.
- There was concern about more than one vendor of the same product at the same time keeping vendors away.
- Methods of encouraging entries at the fair including collection points and making jars more available.
- Should the Fair manager be paid.
- Efforts to get clubs to attend and vendors should start now so it can be in their schedules and budgets for next year.
- The fair is a public education and membership drive and does not necessarily have to make money, so long as it doesn't lose so much money it's not sustainable.
- Signage on the main drag may increase traffic in the tent.
- We will need a committee to plan the event.

Summer Meeting. Greg Hunt is willing to talk at the summer meeting. Bring suggestions for locations to the first meeting next year.

The tentative meeting date for the first meeting for 2013 will be Saturday January 26th at 12:00 noon somewhere in the Columbus area. To be confirmed by email at a later date.

John George suggested developing a policy manual. Alex Zomcheck developed one when setting up the summer meeting on how to set up and run the summer meeting. Please think of things that should be in the policy manual.

The spending on the summer meeting was over budget. Too much food was ordered and the budget was not discussed with Butler county. John George did not feel it was right to stick Butler county with the additional expense for the summer meeting and approved paying the bills. The constitution states that more than \$1500 cannot be spent except for regular maintenance of OSBA. The summer meeting should be considered as regular maintenance as it is specifically called for in the constitution, thus the checks for more than \$1500 were ok. Receipts are available to back up the expenditures. Dick Mullet made a motion to accept the explanation of the expenses and to approve paying them. Second by David Crawford. Motion passed.

John Grafton gave an update on the grant project. The grant is finally finished in December. An announcement will probably be made at the November meeting about this material that will be on the website.

Tim Arheit announced that the Secretary position is still vacant and we need a nominee to fill the position.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately shortly after 5:00PM

Respectfully submitted

Tim Arheit, Secretary