

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Paul Dorger, Beatriz Woodall; Alan DeJarnette; Rose DeJarnette; Pat Miller; Keith Mealy

Agenda/Discussion:

1. Treasurer's Report. Discussion: Year end 2022 report submitted by A.DeJarnette and approved. Discussion: Statutory State Agent was John Favaron, and will be changed over to Paul Dorger, current president. (Discussion of sustainability of the club given the cost of speakers. Cost in 2022/\$50.00. Cost in 2023/\$100.00. Challenge of getting speakers was reason reported. Tabled for later discussion). Question came from a club member, if additional door prize tickets could be purchased? Gambling not permitted on Church grounds. Suggested planning for that type of "fund raiser" for meetings during the months "off site", at Caesar's Creek, other locations, and plan for larger prizes for those months/occasions. How much was raised in "split the pot" in years past?
2. Approval of last meeting's minutes. Discussion: summary of official decisions to be reported at each following club meeting. Position of Web Manager is identified as an officer of the club as necessary for their knowledge base and communication to club members and officers. Web Manager, motion proposed by Paul Dorger, and 2nd the motion by Bea Woodall.
3. 2023 Bee School Assessment
 - a. Desks vs. Chairs. Discussion: Sinclair college has the option of a joined room with table seating. The room seats 62. 2023 bee class had 64 attendees. 2022 bee class had around 78 attendees. Cost of 2024 bee school will be \$25.00 with an additional \$10.00 for each additional family member. Look up cost at other Bee Schools.
 - b. Presentation order. Discussion: presentation that includes description of equipment presented first.
 - c. Other. Discussion: Start organization of Bee School sooner, especially speakers. Processing honey and marketing; not discussed.

4. 4H sponsorship
 - a. Eva Ferguson, 11 years old, attended school.
 - b. Revised Scholarship Application: Discussion: must be completed by the end of February. Decision will be made by mid-March.
 - c. Need a Scholarship Committee: Discussion around options of Cincinnati Zoo for equipment, vendor donations, at vendor cost to club, pieces to include in the scholarship, bee veil, protective suit, etc. Safety for younger recipients.
5. Meeting date and time - Sundays at 1:30 or other: Discussion, highest response was for Sunday meeting. Need to survey members at every meeting, when they want to meet. Suggest meetings for officers via zoom on Monday or Tuesday evenings. Still to be determined.
6. Meeting format suggestions
 - a. Meeting sign-in: 1:20-1:30
 - b. Speaker Introduction & Presentation: 1:30-2:15
 - c. Questions: 2:15-2:30
 - d. Club Member Demonstration & What To Do in the month ahead: 2:30-2:45
 - e. Social: 2:45-3:05 (Door prizes & Snacks)
 - f. Business Meeting: 3:05-3:30: Discussion: remove if we are going to zoom.
7. Monthly topics tentative vs finalized
8. Logo: Discussion, Cost of setup for embroidery set up site. More information to be collected for final decision. Is it possible to charge a per item fee to benefit the club? Will Digistitch Embroidery donate items to the club for door prizes? Could be dependent on how much is purchased.
9. Beekeeping presentation for the Women for the Land program. Discussion: Speaker requested from WCOB, but no volunteers.
10. Adjourn.

Open Action Items:

- The position of Director of Education will be developed over time. It was suggested to follow up with speakers at other seminars to get speakers/ education information.
- Bring Snacks in 2023 for a social.

Sunday, February 12, 2023
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- Suggested board meeting time via Zoom on week evening.
- Determine possible new location for Bee Meetings.
- Report back progress from nuc door prize recipients.
- Follow up with John Favaron regarding observation booth he hosts at the Warren County Fair.
- Eileen Hahn may be maintaining Facebook. Reach out to her for information.
- Look into strengthening our mentor program.
- Develop a brochure to hand out to club members.
- Put up another hive or 2 at Caesar's Creek. Geoff currently manages those hives. Rose and Alan offered to help.