

OCBA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, July 13, 2017

Cynthia Speed

Our 3rd executive committee meeting for the year was held at the Embassy Suites during the Summer 2017 NCSBA Centennial Conference in Winston Salem. John Rintoul, Walter Starks, Mark Powers, Mary Leonhardi, Cynthia Speed, Chris Apple, David Eckert, and Randall Austin attended.

OCBA is now incorporated and John is working on a revision of the By Laws.

Annual dues will be increased from \$5. to \$10. effective Oct 1st and a Lifetime membership will be offered to the members at \$100.

Unless an OCBA member steps up to led the effort, OCBA will not be setting up a display booth at the State Fair this year due to lack of interest. There was concern that Apprentices will not be able to fulfill their contract, but David said that they would still have an option to work at a booth at the Fair.

Our speaker in August will be Will Hicks on the subject of EFB and other diseases, a big concern to all of the state bee inspectors who said that EFB has been seen across the entire state. In November, we will have a speaker who will talk about bees and beekeeping in the Greco-Roman Era.

To celebrate National Honeybee Day, we will be setting up tables at Chapel Hill Farmer's Market on Aug 12th and at Eno River on Aug 19th. Carrboro Farmer's Market backed out at the request of two of its members. Honey can be sold at Chapel Hill, but not at Eno River. Volunteer workers will be needed.

OCBA Exec Officer nominations for 2018:

President	Mark Powers
Vice President	TBD
Treasurer	TBD
Secretary	Cynthia Speed
Director of Mentoring	TBD
Director of Outreach	Chris Apple
Director of Education	Randall Austin

Other Committees/Leaders:

Extractor Management	Brad Kosiba
Membership	TBD
Website	TBD

Randall will continue to teach the Bee School.

Action Items:

- David retires as Director of Mentoring and will ask Lisa Vogel.
- Chris will contact Jim Evans about becoming Vice President
- Nerissa Rivera indicated an interest in becoming Treasurer if the "Pay Pal" issue is resolved. (Difficult task because member info doesn't transfer)
- John will contact Elizabeth Pratson, Ryan Chamberlain, and Jerry Schoendorf to fill other vacant positions.

The storage fee has increased from \$45 to \$50/mo. Keys are held by John, Walter, and Chris. Apprentice hives, outreach materials and the extractor still need to be stored. The extractor has earned the club \$105.00 so far this year.

We need to find ways to get more of our members certified.

Chris brought up the topic of rearing local queens. It was decided that we would begin with the "Born and Bred" workshop attendees to form a committee or "co-op" type group separate from the club structure.

The OCBA website is in need of an update or "cleanup." John will talk with Bynum Hoekstra.