

# Stark County Beekeepers Association

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## MINUTES of Stark County Beekeepers Association

**Meeting date: February 2, 2016**

**Pre-meeting:** Guest presenter, Laura Urban, shared her experiences, views and bee keeping strategies with an emphasis on varroa mites and small hive beetles. She is owner of Urban Honey Bee, a Summit-County based business which sells bees, beekeeping equipment and honey in the greater Akron Area. She is also the Vice President of the Summit County Beekeepers Association and was the Summit County Apiary inspector for two years.

**Call to order:** A business meeting of the Stark County Beekeepers Association, was held at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 226 Third St. S.E., Massillon, Ohio, on February 2, 2016. The meeting convened at approximately 8:30, President Sheila Dicken presiding, and Betsy Bowers, secretary.

**Members in attendance:** 60

**Approval of minutes:** Motion was made to accept after Tri-County Bee Meeting was changed from March 3 and 4 to March 4 and 5. Motion was seconded to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2015 meeting.

**Motion carried.**

**Officers' reports:**

Secretary - Minutes read from November 10, 2015 meeting

Treasurer: Buzz Lowery reported: \$296.00 from dues deposited; Expenditures including bee school books at \$750.00; Chicken dinner for winter banquet; \$151.65 toward Diane Blessing for meeting sundries. The current balance is \$3,251.00.

**Board and committee reports:**

**President:** Sheila Dicken looking ahead to fair. Honey Barn needs work done. Ann Shank of Stark County Fair has offered wood to cover undesirable parts of the barn and the floor needs to be painted.

**Vice President:** Jason Draper: Any member in good standing (do we have any other kind?) contact Jason if you want to be on the Swarm List. It is coming soon.

**Membership:** Deb Stocker in process of collecting dues.

**Education:** Tom Phillips reported on Bee School: five slots open out of 100; Date of Bee School is February 21, 2016; No additional help needed for Bee School.

**Social:** Diane Blessing: Sign-up sheet for volunteers to bring meeting refreshments was passed around to the members.; Recommendations for a new venue for summer picnic is welcome.

**Unfinished business:**

## **By-Laws for SCBA Constitution**

*Motion:* Moved by Steve Smith that the By-Laws For Stark County Beekeepers Association, considered the First Read, be accepted as amended. Seconded by Rick Blessing.

### **Motion carried.**

**Details:** The By-Laws for SCBA were written 12-13 years ago when membership was much smaller (around 25 members). Unintentionally, they were never approved in 2004. The changes are as follows: Strike the following on p.2, Article III: Membership: “Dues should be set up with a pro-rate structure so someone joining late in the year is not assessed the full year amount.” Place a period at the end of the word “club” (line 7 of Article III) and strike: “between January 1 and June 30 of the calendar year. Therefore, the rate shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per individual and six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$6.25) per family.” On p.3, in Article IV: Board of Directors, Section 4, strike, “and conduct all correspondence”

### **New business:**

#### **SCBA Table at Farmer’s Care Breakfast, a benefit hosted by the Stark County Farm Bureau**

**Motion** carried to put a table representing the SCBA at the SCFB Farmer’s Care Breakfast.

**Discussion** phase of sponsoring a 4-H child or children. Mentors needed with consideration of location.

### **Announcements:**

#### **Meeting Speakers:**

**Dr. James E. Tew** - speaking on swarms for March meeting

**Randell Westfall** - speaking on diseases for April meeting

**Chris Merkle** - speaker for future meeting

**Dan O’Hanlon** - speaking at September 6 meeting; Sponsored by SCBA as well as the Stark County Farm Bureau

**Reed Johnson** - speaking at November meeting

#### **Upcoming Workshops:**

**Beech Creek Garden Symposium** - February 13, 2016 at R.G. Drage Career Center 7:45 am - 4:00 pm

**Creating Pollinator Habitat Workshop** - February 18, 2016 at OARDC from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Hive Products Workshop** - May 14 at Price Park (free to non-profit) from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Swarm Catcher Workshop** - TBA

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Betsy Bowers

Secretary

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