



# The Skep

June 2021

Columbiana & Mahoning Beekeepers' Association Newsletter

## President's Corner

We had a great meeting after a year hiatus due to Covid. It was nice seeing everyone again. This month we will also have our regular covered dish lunch starting at 1pm with a meeting at 2pm.

At the meeting, we presented a couple of edits to the club by-laws that were approved by the board. These have been posted on the website and Facebook page. We will be voting to approve the changes at the September meeting. Please review and if you have any questions see myself or one of the board members.

There is a lot of activity in the club as we gear up for the fair which, to date, is scheduled to be fully open.

Lastly, the board nominating committee is seeking volunteers for president, secretary, and a board member position. Please see myself, or Steve and Kelly Davis if you are interested.

## June Meeting Information:

Meeting Date: 06/20/2021,  
Monthly Membership Meeting and  
Luncheon

Austintown Senior Center  
100 Westchester Drive  
Suite 110  
Austintown, Ohio 44515

Potluck Lunch at 1 pm  
Membership meeting at 2 pm

Guest Speaker: Don Kovach

Next Meeting: 07/18/2021



## Meeting Highlights:

- Potluck starting in June at 1:00
- Secretary Recap:
  - Donation letters sent out
  - Ernst Seeds sent seeds for anyone wanting to take some
- Treasurer Recap:
  - Financial state of club is very good
- Ralph:
  - Canfield Fair: As of now fair is on, will be looking for volunteers to work, time to think about entries for the fair
  - Asked if it would be ok to forgo ordering club shirts this year since it's rather late to be starting that process. No one opposed. Planning on getting back on track next year with ordering them.
  - Scholarships are available
  - Several donations have been given to various charitable organizations.
  - Bylaw changes were reviewed and will be reviewed again at the next two meetings.
  - End of the year banquet: Will be held on October 10<sup>th</sup> at A La Cart in Canfield. Dinner will begin at 1:00 with program to follow. Also, elections for President, Secretary and one Board Member position will be held. Will be looking for volunteers shortly to elect to these positions.
- Four new members were present
- Program: Peggy Garnes, President of OSBA
  - Reviewed that we are part of the Crossroads Region
  - Discussed the many things that the OSBA does, how they support beekeepers and the benefits of joining the OSBA

## **Members Corner:**

# **Notification of Bylaw Change Proposal**

## **ARTICLE 11: AMENDMENTS**

Section 1: These Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds vote at any regularly scheduled Association Business Meeting. Members must be given proper Notice (per Article 10 of these Bylaws) before the meeting is held to vote on any considered amendment changes.

## **ARTICLE 10: NOTICE**

At times, business of the Association can only occur after proper “Notice” has been given to the Association membership. Notice will be considered proper upon completion of any two (2) of the following notification methods:

- Announcement at any regularly scheduled Association Business Meeting of the proposed actions to be taken at the next regularly scheduled Association Business Meeting.
- Publication in the edition of the Association’s Newsletter immediately prior the proposed actions to be taken. The publication must be published and disseminated by email or Postal Mail at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Association Business Meeting.
- A direct mailer to all Voting Association Members detailing the proposed actions to be taken. The mailing must be made at least fourteen (14) days prior to the actions to be taken.

## **ARTICLE 3: EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### **Section 3:**

Original Text:

The Executive Board shall ensure that the Treasurer’s books are audited prior to the annual meeting and upon his or her retirement from office.

Proposed Change:

Section 3: The Executive Board shall ensure that the Treasurer’s books are ~~audited~~ reviewed prior to the annual meeting and upon ~~his or her~~ their retirement from office.

# ARTICLE 5: ELECTIONS

## Section 2: Election of Officers

### Original Text:

- C. No person shall hold the office of President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer for more than two (2) consecutive one (1) year terms.
- D. Directors shall hold their offices for a period of three (3) years.
- E. Directors shall be elected in such a manner that one (1) new Director will be elected at each Annual Meeting to replace one (1) retiring Director.
- F. Votes shall be gathered by written secret ballot provided by the Nominations Committee and tabulated by the Executive Board.
- G. Upon the resignation or vacancy of an officer or board director, the Executive Board shall appoint a replacement for the unexpired term during a regularly scheduled Association Business Meeting.

### Proposed Change:

- ~~C. No person shall hold the office of President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer for more than two (2) consecutive one (1) year terms.~~  
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## 2021 Officers

President	Ralph Rupert	330-400-8581
Vice President	Mike Klem	330-506-7762
Secretary	Kelly Davis	330-881-0755
Treasurer	Don Kovach	330-272-3711
Board of Directors:		
Steve Davis	2021	330- 881-0733
Bruce Zimmer	2022	
Lori Mowad	2023	330-770-2937

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