

OBBA Business Meeting Minutes (Corrected)
August 21, 2010

Minutes taken by Melinda Simon, Secretary

The August 21, 2010 OBBA meeting was held at the Edge of Appalachia Preserve, hosted by Herm Mays, Cincinnati Museum Center.

Business Meeting:

1. The Business Meeting opened at 12:40, Cheryl Dykstra, President, presiding; 14 members attending.

Officer's Reports:

2. Cheryl Dykstra reported the results of the recent Board election and the following officers were installed:
 - a. President: Kelly Williams-Sieg
 - b. Vice-President: Sam Williams
 - c. Secretary: Melinda Simon
 - d. Treasurer: Bob Thobaben
 - e. Members-at-large: Bob Placier and Cheryl Dykstra
3. Kelly Williams-Sieg, newly elected President, assumed the Chair and conducted the remainder of the meeting. Kelly thanked Cheryl for her work as President.
4. Minutes for the meeting of April 10, 2010 taken by Melinda Simon were presented ; motion to accept by Cheryl Dykstra, seconded by Tim Tolford; accepted unanimously.
5. Treasurer's Report and current membership information by Bob Thobaben:
 - a. All of OBBA's accounts are at the Wilmington Savings Bank, Wilmington, Ohio.
 - b. We have \$2213.28 in the checking account.
 - c. We have three CDs: one \$1278 yielding 1.7% maturing in 2011, one for \$1228 at 4.55% maturing in 2011, one for \$660 at 1.5%, maturing September 2010. Motion to delegate authority to the Treasurer to add from \$500-800 from the checking account and to combine this with the \$660 maturing CD, and to take out a new CD at the best rate/term available with a target term of approximately two years: Cheryl Dykstra motion, seconded by Dick Tuttle; agreed unanimously.
 - d. Expenses are primarily for meetings with each of the two meetings per year costing about \$200-400. Speakers are typically \$50-75, up to \$100. Donations for meeting rooms are \$100-150.
6. Membership Committee: The Treasurer reported that membership is a total of 51 paid members plus 12 students, who do not pay dues. (This includes our 18 life members.) Cheryl Dykstra reported that she had the list of all Ohio master banders and subs, a group which could be a source of new members for OBBA. She will pass this on to Jill Russell, Membership Chairperson.

7. Research Committee: No report; Dave Russell not in attendance. Tim Tolford asked if any funds were available for research grants. Bob Thobaben suggested the executive committee should explore what other groups do and make a recommendation. Dick Tuttle suggested we might be able to secure grants to fund student attendance at our meetings.

Old and New Business:

8. Old Business:
 - a. The group agreed to wait for three months to obtain the latest status on future newsletters.
9. New Business:
 - a. Tim Tolford introduced the question of financial support for individuals attending meetings representing OBBA; the group agreed to consider this possibility at a future meeting.
 - b. Website: Tim Tolford has been doing this for an extended period. There was a discussion of design features with input from several members on colors, design and content. Kelly committed to write a new "message from the President". A motion by Sandra Stone, seconded by Cheryl Dykstra was to provide Tim Tolford with \$100 to pay the cost of web-hosting for our site to Hostmaster; passed unanimously. Additionally, Cheryl made a motion, seconded by Dick Tuttle to provide Tim Tolford with \$250 as partial compensation for his substantial time and efforts to maintain and upgrade the website; passed unanimously.
 - c. A brief discussion was held on the advantages and issues of OBBA becoming a "501(C)3" non-profit. While this would allow contributions to be deductible and potentially spur bequests, the cost and time to set this up is likely not justified currently.
 - d. The NABC written test and field test will be given October 29 and 30 at Crane Creek in conjunction with the once every 10 year meeting of the IBA.
 - e. Caesar Creek banding is scheduled for March 5, 2011.
 - f. Spring 2011 meeting either at Ohio Wesleyan, or more likely, Audubon Grange Center in Columbus. Tim Tolford will contact Doreen Whitley, at Grange, to see if this is practical and determine any costs. Potential dates are March 26, April 2 or April 9, Grange availability being the primary factor. The NABC written test will also be given in the morning on that date, with the field test to be arranged individually by those passing the written test with Bob Thobaben and Tom Bartlett. Those requesting the field test should bring their own banding equipment and field guide.
 - g. Fall 2011 meeting targeted for northern Ohio, likely a site along Lake Erie, perhaps Kelleys Inland or Put-in-Bay. Kelly asked for options to be emailed to her or Sam Williams.
 - h. Motion to donate \$125.00 to the Edge of Appalachia for hosting the meeting passed unanimously.
10. Motion to adjourn at 13:50 by Sharon Pawlowski, seconded by Dick Tuttle; agreed unanimously.