PO Box 31, White Hall, MD 21161

Central Maryland Beekeepers Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Bylaws

Date and time

- 12/18/2025

Location or Zoom

- Zoom.

Called to order at (time) by (chair), presiding

- 7: 13PM
- CMBA President, Osmar Rivera

Attendees

Current Board Members:

- **Name, Role(s)**
- Osmar Rivera, Acting President, Teaching Apiary Committee
- Nate Anderson, Secretary, Urban Beekeeping Committee
- Sarah White, Hospitality, Education Committee
- Steven Cason, Webmaster Committee
- Liz Tarr, Bylaws and Governance Committee (Acting Treasurer)
- Cindy Landefeld, Membership Committee
- Steve Mcdaniel, Newsletter Committee
- Justin Whye, Social Media

General Membership

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Agenda

- Link if available

Call to Order:

- **President's Report** – Osmar Rivera
  - Extractor retrieved from a member
  - Bees seem to be well, but too cold to check in
- **Treasurer's Report** – Liz Tarr
  - Checking has ~11000 in it currently
  - Fidelity account transfer in progress for Osmar and Nate for next year, as well as a third signer on it and the checking account
  - Motion made by Liz to add the vice president to both accounts moving forward, the motion carries
  - Digital signatures to sign people onto the accounts?
  - Former Treasurer's card has been locked until we have a clear view of what recurring payments tied to it
  - Draft of financial report is difficult regarding some payments where we dont have proper information
  - CMBA profited $5520 from the fair after all fees, expenses, etc.
  - We are required by the state to draft a spending plan document, Liz to do so
- **Approval of Minutes**
  - Previous Meeting's Date: 11/25/25
  - November minutes approved
  - Link to previous Minutes:
    November 2025 Board Meeting Minutes Template

Reports by Committee Chairs

- Membership Chair – Cindy Landefeld
  - Total members currently: 143
  - Lifetime members currently: 41
  - Annual members currently: 122
  - New this year: 51
  - New this month: 0
- Social Media Chair – Justin Whye
  - Seeking event announcements for social media posts
  - Nuc sale post or flyer to get attention
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- Hospitality, Education Chair – Sarah White
  - Potluck went well
  - Hunter Martin emailed about opening and closing the meeting rooms. Hunter to contact Bob regarding the opening and closing.

    - Most clubs are doing weekday nights for their short course. Many are on wednesday or friday. Edu committee proposes thursday 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 5:30 - 8:30 pm, and Saturday 4/4 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM (day before Easter)
    - Speaker series rather than single teacher?
    - City course at FSG, pending communication withCharles DeBarber
        - Maybe taught by Nate Anderson? Maybe taught by Charles DeBarber
    - Educational booth at Baltimore county events:
        - 1/11/26 towson women'd basketball
        - 1/19/26 towson men's basketball
        - 1pm game start, we should get situated by noon
    - Short course to cost $50, no membership included
- Newsletter – Steve McDaniel
    - Resigns from the newsletter
    - Newsletter to be drafted by the board at large

New Business

- Nate Motions to have 2026 board meetings on the third tuesday of each month rather than third thursday of the month
    - Sarah Seconded
    - Motion passed
- Presentation about propolis based cancer research, auxilium in May
- Discord Server
    - Free slack, video calls, chat channels etc.
- Procedure for the expulsion of members from CMBA

Next Meeting Scheduled for (1/20, 7pm, Zoom):

Adjourned (time): 9 PM

Respectfully submitted by Nate Anderson

For clarifications, please contact (Nate Anderson) at (secretary@centralmarylandbees.org)

Minutes to be distributed for comment to all who attended the meeting. The secretary then to revise them according to requests.

Minutes may be amended and approved at the following Board meeting. Approved minutes are to be posted on the website and published (or linked to) in the newsletter.

Board meetings are to be recorded on Zoom or audio (a cellphone will do for in-person meetings) to assure accuracy.