

Douglas County Bees
General Monthly Meeting
1/5/2022

Abby's Annex

Good afternoon Members,

Last night's meeting was attended by 10 members and 3 guests with the guests newly joining DCB! EXCITING!

Robert commenced the meeting at 6:00pm and handed it over to Beau for the Treasurer report:

There is \$3,700.44 in the checking account that represents expenditures of \$132.84 for the month. No incoming monies were recorded for the month. The savings account is holding \$2,798.22 that represents \$150.00 Bee School, \$790.00 Cut-out Crew, \$38.00 equipment fund, and \$2798.22 non-designated funds.

Questions arose regarding the functionality of the non-designated funds and what is going on with the equipment funds. Beau explained the history of the bank accounts to the best of DCB records that were salvageable back in 2020. The "what's going on with the equipment funds" had a bit of legalese attached to it. It has been decided that with the new members roster that is forming (as the membership renewals come in) Beau will compile a list of equipment that is privately owned by the members and are willing to lend out to DCB members. (i.e. a private member has a honey spinner. the private member is willing to make this honey extractor/spinner available to DCB membership use. –terms of this use is between the members.) It is being discussed what equipment DCB members would like to purchase as being owned by DCB. (i.e. a solar melter is needed. Should DCB save to purchase one for the membership to use. DCB will loan it out with a deposit. The loaned equipment should be returned in the same excellent functioning condition and cleanliness as it was loaned out. Failure to do this will result in the deposit being NON-refundable.) –there is more discussion needed on this topic and certainly on what equipment that DCB is going to invest. later on in the meeting, it was discussed that Robert and Charley have built solar heaters and both of them work excellently. There will be a class in the future on how to build one! (inexpensively do-able for ANYONE. Robert used scrap wood and Beau scrounged used parts for the glass, screen and other items to complete the solar heater)

Secretary report: Beau is working on closing the 2021 books and preparing for the tax filings that are coming due. Files for the 2022 membership, swarm alert list, and cut-out waiting list are formed and being filled. (A mentionable note is in order here. Kimberly Kinney –Education Chair, has requested 2 other members to be on the cut-out list for 2022. All perfectly fine. Just know that until the membership renewal is received, your name is on that list tentatively.)

Linda Jensen — event coordinator, was unable to attend the meeting. Beau does have an update on the Umpqua Valley HBA show that is coming this March. There is a Friday March 4th time slot to staff the booth from 2:30 -7:00, and a Sunday March 6th time slot to staff the booth from 10am-1pm still open. Please call Linda at 541-496-3553 to help her get the schedule completed. The paperwork for DCB to attend this show has been mailed to UVHBA! The next show is the Glide Wildflower Show in April.

These shows are DCB's opportunity to collect donations that fund our business/club/school/rescue & community services. It is important to get membership participation in our "EVENT" side of this club.

The next Bee School will be on January 16th at 2:00pm at Abby's Annex in Roseburg. The agenda is "how to catch a swarm" We have show and tell for the equipment one needs to make your swarm catch easy-peasy! There will also be show and tell for what you need when attempting a cut-out. This is for sure a DON'T MISS THIS CLASS if you anticipate receiving a colony of bees this year from a scheduled cut-out!

And here's an OMG! moment.... I called this afternoon over to Abby's to verify our Annex reservations..... they LOST the book that has the dates reserved! I had to reschedule/confirm from our Jan. Bee school all the way through to May's reservations for both the meetings and the school! sheesh. What a panic that sent me into! Good news is (Kimberly especially!!!), I was able to move the April Bee School date from Easter Sunday to Palm Sunday. So Bee School for April 2022 is on the 10th <3

I (Beau Miakinkoff) want to take a moment to thank our Education Chair, Kimberly Kinney and our Event Chair, Linda Jensen for the GREAT job you both are doing for DCB. My gratitude for your stepping in and getting the tasks done is immense. I want to basically shout out to ALL our members about how much you are appreciated and deserve all kinds of kudos showered upon you! If either of you two need help feel free to recruit an assistant! I shall leave it up to you!
Beau Miakinkoff ~ secretary/treasurer