

Douglas County Bees
Monthly General Meeting
March 2nd, 2022

Abby's Annex

Good afternoon Members,

The UVHBA Home and Garden Show is underway at the time of this writing! Sure hope that attendance is good and we get lots of donations and raffle ticket sales! Thank you to all the volunteers and to the members that are working behind the scenes to make this a successful event for us!

A lot of items on the agenda for this meeting were taken care of and I have my stuffed full of papers file in front of me to use as a check list to get all of it mentioned here in the minutes of the meeting.

Before the meeting ever started, I took in a list of the dates for our meetings for the remainder of the year to the Reservation clerk that is in charge of the Abby's Annex bookings. We went through the whole rest of the year and I even gave her a copy of the list for their very own! Hopefully, they will not lose the reservation book (as has happened already) or have an excuse that there was no booking made or that they logged in our meeting on the wrong day (which has also happened already). So, for the rest of the year.... Our monthly general meetings are on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00pm. Our Bee school meetings were also taken care of for the rest of the year. March 20th, 2022 is the last one booked for before Spring. Bee School will start back up this coming October. Bee School is on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 2:00pm.

Kent Wallace was the winner of the dinner raffle.

Robert Baune opened the meeting at 6:00pm . We had 16 people in attendance that includes 5 visitors.

Business started with taking care of updates and information re: the UMHBA Home and Garden show that starts on Friday and ends on Sunday. A rundown of all the rest of the shows that we are potentially going to attend were The Glide flower show in April, the Douglas County Master Gardeners Annual Plant and Garden Expo in May, and we've been invited to attend the Oregon Honey Festival in Medford in June. There were inquiries from members in attendance re; the Growing Miracles Lavender Festival, the Blooms and Butterflies festival in Elkton. -I'm very pleased that we have the opportunity to attend these events again. For the past 2 years we have missed out on accepting donations made to DCB due to the covid mandates and DCB heavily relies on community support!

The preliminary “Friends of Douglas County Bees” email campaign letter was given to Charley Moyer to read and approve. This will be fine-tuned and sent out after the UVHBA home and garden show and before Easter..... most likely in a week. We hope to bring in a meaningful amount of community support funds from this ever solicitation.

The treasurer report notified the members that the checking account has a balance of \$1,001.91 and the savings account has a balance of \$1,945.29 .

The funds in the sub accounts in the Savings account titled Cut-out Crew and Equipment were moved into the checking account. This was \$640.00 and \$213.00 respectively. The Board Members decided that these funds could better serve DCB in the operating account during these times of trying to recoup from low cash funds and not having been attending events, festivals, and shows for the past 2 years. We still have Bee School funds of \$86.03 in the savings account and the non-designated funds of \$1,859.26 .

The secretary reported that at the time of this meeting there are 26 members. (after the meeting, the membership count was 30, with one person reported that the renewal was in the mail – I have not received it yet, and have not counted it yet) We, as a club need more member participation.

Beau also brought up the huge misunderstanding between OMB and OSBA, specifically the volunteer beekeeper mentors for OMB and the association dues to OSBA. This was all Beau’s mistake and it has been cleared up with OMB. These are two entirely different organizations and I misunderstood and somehow got them combined together as one entity.

Robert and Beau will take care of the upcoming fees that are due for maintaining the DCB website backup system. This will be recorded as a donation to DCB at the end of the year along with the stamps, envelopes and labels that get used for DCB business.

We will be taking possession of some donated, beekeeping equipment on the 12th of this month. As our usual procedure, we will be cataloging the items, cleaning up the items, making them ready for resale. As soon as the list is available, a member wide email will be issued. Club members have first dibs to purchase. This is one way the club takes in money. (and was how the club collected most of the \$213.00 that was in the equipment fund sub account in the savings account). After that, we put it up for sale to the public.

Beekeeping questions were answered for the remainder of time for the meeting.
Beau Miakinkoff ~ secretary/treasurer