

Douglas County Bees
Monthly General Meeting
April 7th, 2021

Stewart Park in Roseburg at 6:00pm

WOW! What a really great turnout for our first IN PERSON meeting! We had 14 members and 1 guest in attendance. It was nice to get to put a face to a few more people that I have been emailing and private messaging in Face Book. Thank you for braving the chilly wind that evening. The general consensus/feed back that Robert and I have gotten has been that the meeting was a fun gathering. <3

Treasurer Report: There is \$3,068.67 in the checking account. This entails eleven more memberships (A few of them are NEW members), Two donations, Two expenditures reimbursed, and one transfer of funds to the savings account. The savings account is holding \$2,212.00 which is divided into Non-designated funds \$1,970.00 , Equipment funds \$30.00 , and Cut-out Crew Funds \$212.00 .

Secretary Report: 2021 membership is now at 35! Yeah!!!! We have a little over half of the members that we had in 2020 now! Our Facebook page had over 8000 contacts! When we made the announcement that the 2021 Swarm Alert is had been activated, it went sudo-viral with 73 shares! Awesome work! Thank you to everyone that helped us get the word out in support of DCB working to save the bees! The Face Book page has 593 followers. I used to have a visitor counter on the website hosting, but I lost it somewhere along the way. So I have no info. for what the website is doing for us. How the cut-out waiting list was explained resulting in 3 more members adding their names to the list. Cut-outs are different from Swarms. Should there be any questions from those that did not attend the meeting, please refer to the DCB Constitution and By-Laws , and the policies and procedures for swarms and cut-outs that can be accessed on the Douglascountybees.org website.

We are completely out of the little posters "Bees of Oregon" . I finally got in touch with the right people and we have a large quantity on its way to us at no charge!

Robert's "two cents worth" (AKA President's Report) : [This is Robert's name for the President's report!] Robert demonstrated the bee vacuum that he got. This model is equipped with giving the bees something to hang on to inside the "bucket" to help prevent them from getting all balled up and suffocating. It is battery operated and can be worn as a backpack for being in high places. After vacuuming up the bees, it can put on a setting to allow for continuous air flow for transporting the bees to their new location. Robert made 2 different forms with a circle in the middle of it to house the bucket (when turned upside down) so that it is easier to "dump" the bees into their new hive or if possible, leave the bucket attached and let the bees enter the hive on their own overnight.

There have been 2 bee swarms reported. Both got responses very quickly with our own members. The club has performed 1 cut-out so far with 2 more scheduled.

Lots and lots of questions! The rest of the meeting was filled questions. Robert, Beau and Phil were so happy to have answers for everyone. We hope that what we said was informative and helpful.

See you all next month!

Beau Miakinkoff- secretary/treasurer