

Douglas County Bees
General Monthly Meeting
July 6th, 2022

Abby's Annex

31 in attendance including 3 visitors

The Meeting was called to order by Robert Baune at 6pm with a report of completed swarm calls and cut-outs for this year's bee season and the likelihood of ending the cut-outs as the temperatures are getting too hot and the time constraint of allowing the bees to get re-established before winter well enough to successfully over winter.

The treasurer reported \$3,664.87 in the checking account. Income for the month of June was \$693.12 that represents \$612.00 in cut-out customer donations, \$1.00 donation from the Blooms and Butterfly event in Elkton, \$20.12 from Amazonsmiles community rewards, and \$60.00 in membership dues.

Expenditures were \$10.48 rent (the dinner raffle) and \$50.00 for renewing DCB with the Oregon Business Registry. The Oregon Business Registry increased their fees by ten dollars. It used to be only \$40.00 annually. I don't understand this fee increased....they certainly don't have an increased time/work load in processing the renewals!

It was also reported that to date for 2022, DCB has taken in \$1,134.00 in cut-out donations and \$148.44 in donations from events.

Secretary reported 60 members with 44 being on the Swarm Call Alert and 30 members have received colonies of bee this year via cut-outs and/or the swarm call alert. A reminder to all in attendance that the DCB Constitution and Bylaws stipulates one must be a member in good standing to be on the swarm call list...this requires participation in DCB sanctioned events (staffing the DCB booth at festivals/events) and it sure would be nice if our volunteer schedule for these upcoming festivals could be filled as enthusiastically as everyone is when they receive colonies of bees. All the schedules for the remaining festivals for 2022 was passed around for members to fill in the schedules. The Lavender Festival was completed and the DC Fair was nearly completed. The Blackberry Festival also was nearly completed. The Melon Festival still needs volunteers. (future emails seeking volunteers will be issued)

The A/C and cooling systems for Abby's was not working. We had the doors open and a fan running, but the room still got kinda hot and stuffy.

Cynthia Moyer participated in an interview with Living Downstream radio and podcast. Keep an ear out on KQUA, and visit americorps.podbeam.com. Cynthia confesses, she was a bit nervous and some of the questions were kinda technical. She hopes she doesn't sound too much like a "newbie".

DCB was contacted by The News Review to film a cut-out in action. But since we are at the end of the bee season this has been pushed to next Spring, when the bee season starts back up. Calls for questions were taken, a call for those that need/want mentors was taken, Robert put out the request for anyone knowing of another meeting place for DCB. Attendance lately has been very well and it seems we are out-growing the Abby's Annex.

Bee School will start back up in October. We are very excited about the new syllabus and format of the classes. We have 6 topics chosen (one for each Bee School session). 3 of the classes (presentations) are completed, 1 is being worked on and 2 more to be completed. Each session will have a power point presentation with Q&A afterwards and additional handouts of other pertinent bee keeping information that may or may not coincide with the "PPP". Bee School is on the second Sunday of each month at 2pm at the Abby's Annex –remember, it starts back up in October (after the busy bee season and all the festivals are done!)

Great Meeting, everyone!

Robert adjourned the meeting a bit early due to the room was just too hot.
Beau Miakinkoff ~ secretary/treasurer