

Douglas County Bees

General Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2022

Robert Baune – president and Beau Miakinkoff – secretary/treasurer were unable to attend this scheduled meeting. Charley Moyer – vice president and the new Executive Board Elect were facilitating the meeting. I have yet to receive the minutes of this meeting to be recorded here with the rest of the Monthly General Meeting minutes for the remaining tenure for 2022 as per the DCB Constitution and Bylaws.

On this same day, Robert and Beau hand delivered a letter to the bank authorizing the new Executive Board Elec. to have the new officers signature cards on file. The letter also indicated that the new Board Elect, as per the DCB Constitution and Bylaws were to take control on 1/1/23. The new signatures were taken on 12/12/22 along with changing the mailing address of where the statements are being sent. (this rendered the current treasurer not receive the December bank statement that usually arrives mid-month following the end of the month) I now do not have access to know any further transactions that occurred with the DCB bank accounts past 12/12/22.

It is now 12/31/22. The eve of the new year. My tenure and Robert's will be completed at the stroke of midnight tonight. Your new Executive Board elect and a new chairperson will arrive on 1/1/23 at 1:00pm to collect all of DCB's equipment and other belongings. We (Robert and Beau) have not been informed of what the new mailing address, new phone number, or any other than an email of DCB2023Board@gmail.com .

I want to let everyone know that this douglascountybees.org website is owned, hosted and maintained solely by Beau Miakinkoff. I have jeopardised no DCB non-profit statuses. DCB was the entity that declined obtaining a new website when they lost it back when Ivory Los Banos was still president. DCB had 2 oportunities (recorded in general meetings) to rebuild a website for themselves. Ergo, the domain was purchased by Beau, built by Beau, hosted by Beau and maintained by Beau. DCB never paid for any of it. DCB is free to establish their own website presence if they so desire.

The DCB facebook page was discussed in several monthly meetings. Phil Moulton was in charge of it. He wished it to be converted to a group which is more easily managed. NO ONE wanted to be responsible for this page. Phil struggled with it. He was not a fan of facebook. After the last general meeting where no one volunteered to step up to take charge, Phil approached me (Beau) asked me to be the admin for the page. I accepted and he immediately vacated the admin page gifting it to me to manage. This facebook page has now been renamed to DCBeekeepers with facebook's approval. I have this month removed all DCB logos and all the DCB informational items. The contact information on this site will remain as it appears as Beau is the owner/manager. I have a pinned post at the top of it that invites those that follow that page to join the new group. I have established a new facebook group entitled Douglas County Beekeepers. This too is Beau's. Neither of these facebook sites have anything to do with Douglas County Bees. DCB is free to establish their own facebook presence if they so desire.

The new Board Election that took place on the Monthly General meeting in October resulted in 2 members of the Board being nominated and elected that did not qualify. One must be a member in good standing at the time of the election as per the DCB Contitution and Bylaws in order to be an Officer of the Board. Beau read a list of the DCB Members that qualified as a member in good standing prior to the election process begininng. DCB has a president, Adrian Aramburu, who is not a member in good standing. DCB has a secretary, Kimberly Kinney, who is not a member in good standing. Since the election in October, the new Board Elect has sent multiple emails to Robert and I that accuse us of wrong-doing. A constant barrage of harassment and slander with

heresay. I have answers for every accusation that has been put forth to us but never sent the response email back to them. I have attempted my level best to keep this type of communication away from the general membership as it is not good business to allow such a thing to happen within an organization. (flash back to what Jack Riley did back in 2019!) But, if any member of DCB wishes to know the truth and all the B.S. that has been sent our way via the new Board Elect and chairpersons.... please contact me. I have all the records.

Back in 2019, DCB was failing. This organization was in decline. The covid mandates made it nearly impossible to keep DCB afloat. NO ONE stepped up to take positions on the New Board that October. Phil Moulton (original founder of DCB) wished to remain vice president. Beau Miakinkoff stepped up to volunteer as secretary/treasurer, and Robert Baune agreed to fill the position of president with a disclaimer stating he was unsure about fulfilling this duty. Phil and Beau responded with he would have assistance in performing this duty. DCB needed to have at least 3 people on the Executive Board as per the non-profit regulations. THAT is how we were able to save DCB from not perishing.

Robert and Beau have worked for two and a quarter years to keep DCB afloat and thriving. It has been hard work. We have many good memories of working with so many people from the public as well as the two and a quarter years of members. It has been our pleasure. We sincerely thank everyone that has helped us to make DCB remain a public service organization for all of Douglas County as well as to improve the survival rate of the colonies of honey bees that we have rescued and relocated.

Beau has the 2022 financial P&L compiled up through 12/12/22. Since I am not privy to any transactions in the bank accounts past that date, I can not publish the final draft for DCB members to see. I can proudly tell you that during our tenure we have managed to increase DCB's cash assets by \$1,541.84 since we took charge of the management of DCB in 2019. It has been quite the experience!

Robert and Beau will continue to rescue and relocate honey bee colonies and we plan on having a swarm call hotline for the public to use to tell where the unwanted bees have landed and we plan on having a swarm alert service provided to Douglas County Beekeepers members. If you wish to be a part of a group of beekeepers that have no stomach for political posturing, power grabbing, or slandering each other please feel free to contact us. douglascountybeekeepers@gmail.com is functional. Douglascountybeekeepers facebook group is functional and has our contact info there. Send the "admin" a message! We intend to still provide all of Douglas County the free community service honey bee removals and relocation with the intent of increasing their survival.

Thank you so very much. We wish everyone a very happy new year (2023) and much success in your beekeeping ventures.

Beau Miakinkoff ~ secretary/treasurer and Robert Baune ~ president