

Umpqua Valley Beekeepers Association

P.O. Box 924, Roseburg, OR 97470

April 3rd, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Held at the OSU Extension Auditorium @ 6pm

1. **Call to Order** - By Adrian
2. **Welcome Visitors and Members** - Adrian (introduced the board and chairpersons) Ivory asked our new members to please add their email address to our sign in sheet, reassuring them that we won't share or "blow up" their email.
3. **Motion to Approve March Meeting Minutes** - Ed gave the first motion to approve and Richard gave the 2nd motion. March's Minutes were approved.
4. **Treasurer Report** - Supplied by Kelly
 - a. Checking = \$7,770.99 total with .16 dividend counting in \$160 of membership dues. It was noted that this was the current balance in the accounts, not the register balance.
5. **Announcements** - Adrian/Ivory
 - a. When signing-in for our monthly meeting, people were asked to please just put their name if they are already a member or are already on our mailing list OR if they're opting to not be on our mailing list. This will help us with the input process for our new guests. People were told that if they are not getting our emails, please let us know. Sometimes things get mixed up during input.
 - b. The mock-up SWAG shirts were presented!!! We voted for this year's volunteer shirt color which will show that we stand as a team at our community table events. MAROON won, with dark blue being in 2nd place.
 - i. Sizes XS - XXL was there for those who wanted to try one on and/or feel the material. The shirts were on loan and needed to be returned to The 1257 after tonight's meeting. With that in mind, members were asked to, "Please be gentle." We will get an initial order in for the first few shows for volunteers and then after that will open up for ordering every few months or so. We will have pricing available then.

- c. Shawn Sullivan has also designed and screen printed some shirts. If anyone is interested in one of those, please see Shawn for size availability and pricing. Many went up front to look over and “feel” the shirts. They were offered for \$20 for solid-colored shirts and \$25 for the multi-colored.
 - i. He generously donated some wood shavings for smoker fuel. Our members were very appreciative and it was all gone very quickly.
- d. Steve Kiepert donated several entrance reducers for 8 frame boxes that he made to those that wanted some. Thanks Steve!
- e. Jason Vanderpool mentioned he will have some Nucs for sale later this season. He is requiring a 25% deposit. Several of our newer members showed interest in this.
 - i. 3-Frame Nucs will be \$95.00 with frame exchange (deep frames with foundation).
 - ii. 5-Frame Nucs will be \$170.00 with frame exchange.
- f. UVBA is trying to put together a GloryBee order. We need to meet the \$450 minimum to be able to use our wholesale account. This was offered for our members, and if they had questions, they were encouraged to see Ivory or Adrian after the meeting. They could also call the business line at their leisure.
- g. **Save the Date!!!** Eric McEwen from Diggin’ Livin’ Farm and Apiary, in the Cave Junction area, will be a guest speaker at our May 1st meeting! He and his wife Joy have had their book, “Raising Resilient Bees” recently published. Topic is TBA
- h. **Events** -Announced/discussed by Ivory/Sandy/Adrian
- i. Butterfly Garden Beautification Event on Saturday, April 13th from 9:30am - 11:30am. You can find more dates on the UVBA Calendar on the website.
 - i. There will probably be a couple more days added this summer to help with this. Hailey has been diligently working on emphasizing the path through the garden. She has ordered some gravel for the path and bark mulch for the beds. We have not yet heard when it will be delivered.
- j. UCC Earth Day Celebration is on Monday, April 22nd, from 11am - 1:30pm. People that would like to participate were asked to please let the Board know. Adrian is planning to be there with the UVBA standard table presentation.

- k. Glide Wildflower Show, held at the Glide Community Center on Saturday, April 27th, from 9am - 5pm, and Sunday, April 28th, from 9am - 5pm.
 - i. The Volunteer sign-up sheet was sent around and promptly filled up!
- l. Douglas County Master Gardeners Plant Expo, held at D.C. Fairgrounds, one day only, on Saturday, May the 4th Bee With You, from 9am - 4pm.
 - i. This was also on the Volunteer Sign-Up sheet.

6. Education/Open Bee Discussion - Sandy/Ivory/Adrian

- a. Spring Prep and Heading Off Pests! The following topics, especially YELLOW JACKETS, were discussed:
 - i. Yellow jackets - put out traps now to catch the queens. Putting out lure bait was strongly encouraged to catch the QUEEN Yellow Jackets now as these pesky creatures can kill a hive.
 - ii. There was a copious amount of discussion surrounding splitting a hive VS a possible swarm. More about drones and mating. Also, lots of discussion regarding the weather and hives at this time of season.
 - iii. Varroa
 - 1. Some discussion surrounding Oxalic Acid treatments with captured swarms and testing/treating all hives.
 - 2. Varroa mites tend to lay more in drone cells.
 - 3. *It was emphasized to, "Always do your research. We're not experts, but we're definitely here to help!" Well said!
 - iv. Spring feeding - do your hives feel light? New swarm, needing to produce wax?
- b. "To Do" list for April discussed:
 - i. April and May are the most common bee swarm months, so be ready with equipment and be sure you check on your existing hives. Are they planning on swarming? Should you split them?
 - ii. Ample discussion surrounding killer bees in Medford.

- iii. Wayne brought "Show & Tell" items from Indonesia. He also brought a screened bottom board where the girls decided to draw out a few rows of comb. We were uncertain if this was a swarm that decided to reside there for a longer than normal period of time.
- c. Ivory had a few "bee" items she raffled off, and that was a hit!

7. We were finished by 7:35 PM with a total of 48 in attendance.