

**Umpqua Valley Beekeepers Association**  
P.O. Box 924, Roseburg, OR 97470

**July 5th, General Meeting Minutes**

1. Adrian called to order shortly after 6pm at our new meeting location!
2. Welcome visitors and members - Adrian
3. Financial report - Adrian/Ivory/Kelly - As things are in flux with our treasurer this wasn't readily available at the meeting.
4. A motion to accept the June Meeting Minutes was opened but Ivory stated that with Kim's changes there were some amendments to make and they would be sent with the July minutes so we can vote on both in August.
5. Announcements:
  - a. Our new observation hives have arrived! We went with the Mann Lake version because of the added safety features. Lockable entrance and hive latches although some modifications will be needed. We have some members who are willing to step up to get them finished.
    - i. We discussed some artistic talent to decorate and/or finish them as well as the display hive that we have had at events as it has DCB's info.
  - b. Check out our new meeting place!
    - i. Technically...no food or drink. (let's not be the group that makes them start enforcing that).
    - ii. We did have a long discussion outside the building so that Logan could get things locked up. Let's be sure we stick to that and value his time.
    - iii. Be sure things are placed where they were when we arrived.
  - c. We have officially closed the Douglas County Bee bank account and merged the money to the Umpqua Valley Beekeepers Association account. The board has decided to open an account at Cascade Community Credit Union (CCCU) and will be placing Adrian, Ivory & Kelly on the account.
  - d. We are still looking for a Membership Director and a Web page and/or Social media.
  - e. Butterfly Garden Beautification Dates are yet to be set but it needs some attention.
  - f. News Review Interview with Shanna Rose - Adrian
    - i. Friday Edition of the News Review: "Honey I Relocated the Bees!"
  - g. OSBA 2023 Fall Conference - October 27, 28 & 29th, 2023 @ Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center in Bend, Oregon
    - i. Register today and save!
    - ii. We hope we will be able to Raffle for a free ticket this year.
6. Events - Ivory
  - a. Blooms & Butterflies @ E.C.E.C. was on Saturday, June 17th. We raised \$13 in donations but overall a beautiful day and event.
  - b. Lavender Festival @ Growing Miracles Lavender Garden, Friday - Sunday, July 7th - 9th, this coming weekend. We were able to get every spot filled.

- c. Umpqua Valley Farmers Market - Bee/Pollinator Appreciation Day on Saturday, July 15th (looking for volunteers to help plan and run a booth). Adrian and Ivory will be there but if anyone wants to join or bring up a suggestion that would be great.
  - d. August 9th-12th is the Douglas County Fair, we are passing around sign-ups and planning to email prior so this longer event is ready early.
7. Education Events - Kim/Adrian/Ivory
- a. We have an all ages presentation at the Lower Umpqua Library in Reedsport on July 26th @11:00am. We are accepting volunteers to present/assist.
  - b. What topic should our next Beeks Academy cover?
    - i. Harvesting honey - to happen in August, date still pending
    - ii. Beginning beekeeping - 2 minimum per year was suggested and agreed upon. Once in the spring and once in the fall. Saturday, July 29th @ 9am will be our first this year @ Kent's home.
    - iii. Mite counting & treating - September date, but still pending.
    - iv. Wax preparation - Hoping to get to this in September possibly along with the harvesting honey.
  - c. We have been invited to give a presentation on removals for Columbia County Oregon Beekeepers, over Zoom in the Fall. Linda Zahl, the current president, is interested in learning more about some of the practices we use and the tools involved in taking on these opportunities. Some additional participants to join would be great.
8. Swarms and Cutouts!
- a. Rick, Christopher, Sandy and Adrian performed a removal in Oakland from a deck. 6+ lbs. of bees collected. Christopher took these girls home. The property owners, Bill & Joyce, generously donated \$100 to the club for our efforts.
  - b. Dean, Rick, Michelle, Ivory and Adrian performed a removal in Oakland from an abandoned house. Another 6+lbs of bees collected. Rick took these girls home.
  - c. Swarm stories were shared; great successes and funny failures. Let's keep our meetings lighthearted and fun.
9. Treatments
- a. A handout with various treatment options were discussed. Due to lack of time in the meeting we went through this pretty quickly but we had some good feedback and discussions from all.
10. Lots of various questions and comments came up at the meeting, that is why we have these meetings so we can get to know our neighbors and get in on some fun.
11. Will we continue with a drawing vs. the dinner winner? It was mentioned but not decided. Let us know your thoughts.
- 12. We adjourned shortly before 8pm.**