

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

June 5th, 2024, General Meeting Agenda
Held at the OSU Extension Auditorium @ 6pm

1. **Call to Order** - Adrian- and started ON THE DOT!
2. **Welcome Visitors and Members. Introduce board** - Adrian
3. **Motion to Approve May Meeting Minutes: 1st-Linda, 2nd Deanna*****Need last names**
4. **Treasurer Report** - Supplied by the collective Board Members, aka, The Hive Mind, lol
 - a. Savings = \$1,972.10, which includes a \$0.17 dividend and a \$34.55 transfer deposit from Ivory (Master Gardeners event donations).
 - b. Checking = \$4983.73, which included \$136.15 donations from the Glide Wildflower Show; \$37.00 for Ivory's sweatshirt; \$120.00 Membership dues.
 - c. Expenditures:
 - i. The club paid a \$200.00 (Check #1508) honorarium to Eric and Joy McEwen from Diggin' Livin' Farm and Apiaries, for their visit and presentation. (A typical honorarium is somewhere between \$100 and \$300)
 - ii. \$20.00 (Check #1525) was paid to the Oregon DOJ (annual filing for non-profit).
 - iii. \$50.00 Debit for the annual business registry.
 - iv. \$170.00 (automatic withdrawal) to USPS for the annual P.O. Box renewal.
 - v. \$18.04 (Check #1509) to Douglas ESD for 200 club flyers (we are gonna need more).
5. **Announcements** - Adrian/Ivory
 - a. Adrian thanked all everyone that volunteered at the Master Gardeners Plant Expo!
 - i. We had \$34.55 in donations from that event.
 - b. He also thanked Biff Ewens for assisting him at the Head Start Program in Winston! He stated they had a blast and the kids really enjoyed seeing the bees in the observation hive..
 - c. He also thanked Dick Kreger for joining him at Glide Elementary's "All Things Garden" event!
Adrian stated he had a blast and so did the kids! They had the girls on display in the observation tower. The kids had an opportunity to try on some beekeeping gear, awe at how cool bees were, and see some of the tools and equipment that are used when working in the apiary. The 4th

graders had 6th grade “chaperones” which was very cool! Honey sticks & stickers were handed out and happily received!

- i. An added bonus was that Adrian learned that Glide Elementary is installing a teaching apiary. It is being erected in honor of one of the teachers that recently passed. She always had her room decorated in a honey bee theme. It is being designed and built by a local beekeeper on the outer edge of their orchard that is at one end of the school.
- d. UVBA has been busy doing these outreach/education visits! The presentation at Roseburg Virtual School and Oakland Elementary went really well!
- e. UVBA has two or possibly three summer school presentations coming up. If anyone wants to come and help, please let Adrian know after the meeting or shoot me a text/email.
 - i. The Roseburg Library Summer Reading Program on July 2nd. (Sandy is helping out with this one)
 - ii. The Roseburg Virtual School in Winchester on July 9th.
 - iii. Sutherlin Library Summer Program on July 10th (maybe).
- f. Ivory and Adrian were invited to a Zoom interview with Umpqua Watersheds on their public radio station “Living Downstream”. They did the interview on May 31st in Ivorys mom’s vineyard with Ivory’s apiary in the background. Aside from the mosquitos, the evening was beautiful and they had a lot of fun with the interview. As soon as it’s released and they see how it turned out, they stated that they will share the link!
- g. **Save The Date!!!** Ramesh Sagili from the OSU Honey Bee Lab will be visiting UVBA on September 4th during the monthly meeting.
- h. UVBA has been discussing the need to purchase some equipment for the club. As the club grows, so do the needs of our members. In an effort to be proactive for our growing organization, they are looking to purchase the following:
 - i. Everything Bee Vac Pro. Very helpful with removals - \$550
UVBA has an electric one that was donated, but the battery powered ones are more convenient.

- ii. A stainless steel extractor (UVBA's current one is older, a manual, small, and plastic) - VEVOR Electric Honey Extractor, 4/8 Frames Honey Spinner Extractor, Stainless Steel Beekeeping Extractor - \$246, on sale for Fathers Day.
- iii. Thermal camera for removals (handheld version, no phone needed) - VEVOR Thermal Imaging Camera 240x180 IR Resolution 20Hz Refresh Rate Infrared Camera - ~\$250
- iv. Lorobbees O.A. Vaporizer - \$495 + 2 Dewalt batteries, charger, and storage bag for all. \$150 (O.A. would be supplied by the user).
- v. ~\$1700 +/- for all purchases.
 - 1. These items would be for any of the paid members to use, part of membership perks.
 - 2. This is what UVBA Club is about, and what funds are raised for.
 - 3. Adrian suggested some quick videos on how to use/clean each one and include them on our website. Timothy will also help with and with creating a list on the website. Ivory can laminate QR codes to be attached to each item so if someone wants to take a look at the videos it will be fast and efficient.
- i. Honey sales! This time of year UVBA receives a few calls about how or where to get local honey.
 - 1. He asked these questions: Do you sell honey or equipment? Can we list your name and number on our website and/or share with individuals asking?

6. Events/Education - Ivory/Sandy/Adrian

- a. UVBA's partnership with OSU Small Farms continues on Saturday, June 8th, from 9am - 11am! Beginner Beekeeping Field Day: Live Hive Dive! There is an attached copy of the flier to the meeting reminder email, but registration is now closed.
 - i. There are 27 people attending as of 06/04.
 - ii. They are looking for at least two assistants to help with the class. Attendees were asked to please see Adrian or Ivory after the meeting if interested to be filled in on the details.
 - iii. They are going to try to record the event. Timothy was asked if he is available or should they attempt it with Ivory's lack of skills and a GoPro?

- b. The Blooms and Butterflies event at the Elkton Community Education Center is June 15th, from 9am - 4pm! One day only! Thank you's were given to all those that have volunteered for this event!
 - i. If anyone has not yet received their volunteer shirt, they were reminded to please see Ivory after the meeting.
- c. The Growing Miracles Lavender Festival near Cleveland Rapids Park is on July 12th, 13th & 14th.
 - i. As of this meeting, all the spots filled!
 - ii. Still need a few shirt sizes for those who volunteered (Vikki C. & Dr. Ross).
 - iii. Parking is a little ways away, so be prepared to walk a little. There will be chairs at the tables.
 - iv. It is not known, as of yet, where our booth is until the evening before the event.
- d. Ivory will be sending reminder emails with the spots for volunteers for at least a week in advance for these events. She will try to include as many details as possible.

7. Welcome, Fonta Monlyneaux!!!

- a. Fonta Molyneaux is a Mother of three, Beekeeper, Master Herbalist, and Regenerative Organic Farmer living in Dorena, Oregon on her farm Wild Everlasting- 30 acres devoted to exploring the relationship between People, Plants and Pollinators. Wild Everlasting is the Oregon Bee Project's Flagship Farm for conservation of Native Bee health and habitat. She also founded and facilitates Sun Queen School of Apiary Arts where she offers all skill levels of bioregional beekeeping instruction to students near and far. Fonta is also the current & past president of Lane County Beekeepers Association. As well as a member of the Lane County Farmers Market where she sells her Honey Weekly. Find out more about her work at www.wildeverlasting.com or on Instagram @beekeepingbotanist.
- b. **Brood Dynamics and HIVE Inspections 101-** Understanding hive dynamics throughout the season and how beekeepers can best collaborate with their bees for the

health and resilience of their apiary as well as develop production goals. Explore how bees build and arrange their nests in a cavity and how to read comb and frames.

c. This was an amazing time with much learned by everyone! She shared a wealth of information, and we're looking forward to having her back!

d. There were 57 in attendance

8. Adjourned LATE due to such great information and many questions!