

Umpqua Valley Beekeepers Association

P.O.Box 924, Roseburg, OR 97470

November 1st, General Meeting Minutes Held at the OSU Extension Auditorium @ 6pm

1. **Call to Order with Board Introductions** - Adrian - 18 people in attendance
2. **Welcome Visitors and Members** - Adrian
3. **Motion to Approve October Meeting Minutes** - Was accepted
4. **Treasurer Report** - Supplied by Kelly
 - a. \$3,944.07 Checking, \$1,937.59 Savings.
\$.16 dividend and previously noted dues were deposited; other than that, no changes since last month.
5. **Announcements** - Adrian/Ivory
 - a. The potluck was a success! Thank you, to all who attended! Spouses were welcomed as well! All of the dishes were great! The venue was very accommodating as well!
 - i. Great location for future references.
 - b. Congratulate those who have been inducted to our Board and Chairperson Team!
 - i. **Adrian Aramburu** - President
 - ii. **Ivory LosBanos** - Vice President
 - iii. **Serena Fink** - Secretary
 - iv. **Kelly Heard** - Treasurer
 - v. **Sandy Wertz** - Education Chair
 - vi. **Ivory LosBanos** - Events Chair
 - vii. **Vicki Craft** and **Timothy Ballenger** - Website and Social Media Chair
 - viii. **Tony Beerbohm** - Community Liaison
 - ix. **Adrian, Ivory and Ian Fuller** - Swarm/Cutout Chair
 - x. Membership Director - **Unfilled**
 - c. **Columbia Gorge Beekeepers** has invited us, via Zoom, on **November 15th @6pm**, to attend a presentation given by a recent PhD candidate, Zachery Lama. His focus tends to be on honey bee drones and Varroa mites. An email with the link has been sent to our members.
 - d. This is our last monthly general meeting in 2023. We hope everyone has a wonderful winter and/or holiday season. Thank you for your support, patience and a wonderful year! As always, if there are ideas or issues that arise please don't hesitate to ask any of the board.
6. **Education Events** - Winter Is Coming!
 - a. Held at Adrian's house. We went over some of the techniques used to help the bees maintain temperature while mitigating excessive hive moisture. A few different hive designs were available for demonstration.
 - b. We covered some of the different methods of offering bees food, going into and over the winter, and when to switch from liquid to solid food.
 - c. Then we went to the apiary for a visual example of how Adrian typically prepares his hives for winter(while actively preparing them).
7. **Open Bee Discussion**
 - a. OSBA Fall Conference highlights.
 - i. Over \$42,000 was raised in donations and the auction for the OSU Honey Bee Lab.
 - ii. The most attendees and vendors in the history of the conference were present.
 - iii. 11 out of 17 affiliate presidents attended.
8. **Winter is the time to plan for next year;**
 - a. get your gear ready and cleaned up.

- b. get your frames and boxes built.
- c. Swarm traps ready?
- d. Are you starting/planning anything?

9. The new Pollinator Plate came out today!

- a. Has anyone gone in to get theirs yet?!

10. Butterfly Garden Clean-up

- a. We had a few members who were willing to help. The plan is to spread mulch and rock.
- b. We will need more in 2024.

11. Bee MD - website/app

- a. Check it out. Interesting reads according to other members

12. Heifer International

- a. Donation to Heifer International has options to purchase either a hive (\$30) or an apiary (\$2500) for less fortunate families in foreign countries. This includes hands-on bee classes too.

13. Apimaye Insulated Bee Hives

- a. There was talk and discussion of exactly what that is.
- b. It is a plastic hive that is thicker than regular langstroth hives. Naming it an insulated hive. A few members have some and like them a lot.
- c. If you are interested in learning more, be sure to check it out.

14. Name tags requested for next meeting!

15. Adjourn!!!