

Umpqua Valley Beekeepers Association

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September 6th, General Meeting Minutes Held at the Douglas County Courthouse, Rm 310

1. **Called to order by Adrian @ 6:03pm**
2. **Welcomed the 25+ visitors and members - we did a lot of running up and down the stairs to let people in. Noted for future meetings at this location.**
3. **Round Robin** (name, how many and what kind of hives, why beekeeping, how many years, etc.)
4. **Financial Report** - supplied by Kelly (absent)
 - a. \$3,992.07 Checking, \$1,946.60 Savings = \$5,938.67
 - b. Deposits - \$160 in dues (\$80 from last month), \$59.31 in donations from the fair.
 - c. Withdrawals - \$17, new checks.
5. **A motion from members to accept the August Meeting Minutes was approved**
6. **Announcements** - Adrian/Ivory
 - a. OSBA 2023 Fall Conference - October 27, 28 & 29 @ Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center in Bend, Oregon.
 - i. Pre-registration deadline is September 27th
 - ii. Check out the OSBA Website for the tentative agenda.
 - b. We had a drawing for those interested in a free admission. Christy Sechler won, but later determined she wasn't able to go. The only other entry was Joel Bone, by default the entry went to him. We hope to hear how it went at the meeting after.
 - c. Lending Library
 - i. We have a list of books available to members. We hope to have the list online soon but we will also be bringing these to each of the meetings along with a sign-out list. Steve Kiepert checked out the first one!
 - d. We mentioned that we have to have Board meetings to go over nitty gritty topics so that general meeting minutes stick to talk about bees. The Board meeting minutes will be emailed with the General Meeting Reminder so it is still available to all.
 - e. We voted on moving the October general and election meeting to Sunday October 8th @ 2:30pm. Location was to be determined but is now @ the Lookingglass Grange, thank you Christy for arranging that!
 - f. All positions are open! Please come nominate you or another person in the group. See the Bylaws on our website for position details.
 - g. The Douglas Electric Ruralite article was brought for those that wanted to see it. We will keep a copy with the archives for posterity
7. **Events** -
 - a. Douglas County Ag Days - Thursday, October 5th, 9am - 1:30pm
 - i. Adrian spoke with Dean and Tony who came up after the meeting to volunteer their time. They will have a 20 minute talk/presentation to 4th graders, about bees/pollinator importance. There will be five groups of about 25 kids. We are one station out of five they will rotate through.
 - ii. Set-up is October 4th, from 12pm - 5pm at the pig barn on the fairgrounds.
 - iii. Grab bag stuffing was on September 26th, thanks Adrian. We put in honeystix, stickers and seed packets.
8. **Education Events** -
 - a. Beeks Academy

- i. For the Love of Honey, held on August 26th was our honey extraction demonstration. Those who attended got to get their hands “sticky”, literally! We discussed some additional options such as a crush and strain method as well as the flow hive option. (the clean-up was more exciting as Ivory accidentally spilled a large amount onto the floor)
- ii. We have some upcoming events; let's pick some dates!
"All Things Wax" - How to render wax. (9/9/2023 @ 11am after the removal)
"DynoMite Treatments and Counts" - How to count and some treatments for mites. (9/16/2023 @ 11am) @ the home of Dr. Alan Ross. Kent Wallace brought his vaporizer to show how it works.
"Winter is Coming" - Are your girls prepared for winter? (TBA)

9. Open Bee Discussion - Questions/Comments/Concerns?

- a. Cut-out in Winston was discussed. We had some members who openly volunteered to come help, thanks to all. Saturday September 9th @ 7:30am
As these girls will need to be nursed and babied through the winter we all agreed that they go to someone who has more experience. Christy Sechler stated she had the space and some frames of honey ready, and these girls went to her. We will see how they are doing in the coming months.
- b. Adrian has fresh sheep wool if anyone is interested.
- c. Christy has burlap if anyone is interested.

10. Adjourn @ 7:38pm