Southern Oregon Beekeepers Association
December 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Scott Allison       Ken Olmstead       Anthony Torresan
Ramona Driggers   Nancy Olmstead   Russ Williamson
Richard Dumanowski Jody Palzer       Ellen Wright
Greg Fernandez    Sarah Red-Laird
Risa Halpin       Sharon Schmidt
Rick Hilton OSU    Shari Shattuck
Leslie Lundgren    Don Smith

Call to Order at 6:40 PM at the Urban Cork in Medford, OR

Vice President Risa Halpin presided over the meeting.

Treasurer's Report- Cheryl Housden

Cheryl was unable to attend.

Oregon State Beekeepers Association Regional Representative’s Report – Sarah Red-Laird

Sarah reported high varroa mite loads nationally. She discussed the high failure rate of queens nationally this year. We had a group conversation about pros and cons of various treatments of mites with an emphasis on oxalic acid and amitraz. Sharon mentioned that oxalic acid has been used successfully in Europe for over 20 years. Sarah reiterated the importance of using different mite treatments through the year to avoid the risk of creating mites that are resistant to the treatment.

Secretary's Report- Kate Womack

A MOTION to accept the minutes from November PASSED by majority vote. The minutes are posted on the website under Resources->Club Resources->Club Documents.

OSU Liaison's Report- Rick Hilton

No OSU extension updates.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

No new business was introduced.

Meeting broke for a tour of the wine making area and a holiday party and small groups ensued! Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM or so.