Southern Oregon Beekeeper’s Association  
February 6, 2017 meeting Minutes  

Attendance

Ellen Wright                       Risa Halpin                       Cheryl Housden  
Kip Housden                       Rick Hiltch                        Shari Shattuck  
Barbara Jones                      Deb Berg                             Kim Feuerhelm  
Gary Feuerhelm                    Linda Brock                         Jody Palzer  
Nancy Walton                       Bill Walton                         Keith Anderson  
Sonja Anderson                    Bob Denman                          Chris Jones  
Ian Jones                         Steve Crittenden                   Gary Kuewer  
Kent Knock                        Kelly Leatherwood                  Anthony Terreson  
Leslie Lundgren                   Jen Harder                          Carrie May  
CJ Wolff                          Ramona Driggers                    Cindy Baize  
Richard Baize                     Marci Achurmen                     Kathryn Voorhees  
Ray Foster                        Joe Wismann                        Jake Vizzini  
Scott Allison                     Noah Mannix                         Jessica Mannix  
Dan Yadon                         Russ Williamson                    David Zemick  
Shawn Kerr                        Bob Davis-Guy                      De Davis-Guy  
Holly Kern                        Bill Mcnary                         Cara Mcnary  
Zachary Mcnary                    Teresa Lavery                        Emily Omaje  
Cameron Mayo                      Don Smith                          Dolly Warden  
Sharon Schmidt                    Richard Dumanowski               

Call to order at 6:40 pm at the OSU Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center.

Vice President, Risa Halpin, presided over meeting. President, John Jacob, is in the almonds for pollination.

Treasurer’s Report- Cheryl Housden  
Did 1st budget and paid all of the bills. Cheryls is in the process of doing a second budget for 2017.

OSB regional representative’ report- Sarah Red-Laird  
ODOT pollinator monitoring project update, see www.beegirl.org and instagram (sarahbeegirl) for more info and future updates. Issues being studied: bees and other pollinators in trouble.
Secretary’s Report- Kate Womack
Kate is in the almonds, Shari Shattuck is filling in.

OSU Liaison’s Report- Rick Hilton
No updates reported.

OLD BUSINESS

-Previous minutes passed and accepted.

-DON’T FORGET BEE SCHOOL APRIL 15th!!!

NEW BUSINESS

March meeting will take place at the Bear Hotel in Grants Pass. We will have a booth at the Jackson County Spring Fling at the Jackson county fair, Ag Day, May 11th-12th.

Let’s Talk Bees!

-It’s been a very hard year on the bees, backyard keepers and commercial alike. There have been losses reported of up to 80% from commercial keepers.

-If you are a new beekeeper don’t forget to order your bees soon. There is a list of suppliers on the SOBA website.

-Splits either raise honey or they raise bees. Do not split your hive until you see drones.

-Sarah discusses ODOT Pollinator Monitoring Program. Issues being studied are bees and other pollinators that are in trouble. She has observed bees and other pollinators in the habitat and identified them.

Honey bees: 50%
Bumble bees: 7%
Solitary bees: 43%
Lepidoptera (wood nymph butterfly)
Diptera (bee fly)