Southern Oregon Beekeepers Association  
January 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Chris Folgato                     Gary Feuerhelm         Kim Feuerhelm  
Kelly Leatherwood               Steve Ellis              Lynda Ellis
Travis Owen                   Leslie Lundgren       Anthony Torresan  
Michael Burns               John Jacob              Risa Halpin
Kate Womack

Call to order 6:45 PM at the OSU Hanley Extension Center.

President, John Jacob, presided over meeting.

Treasurer’s report- Cheryl Housden
Cheryl was unable to attend meeting.

OSBA regional representative’s report- Sarah Red-Laird
Sarah was unable to attend meeting.

Secretary’s report- Kate Womack
Motion to pass December minutes passed by majority vote. The minutes are posted on the SOBA website under Resources->Club Resources->Club Documents.

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

Old Business
   Reminder to sign up for bee school!!! Thank you, Ellen for fulfilling our new Bee position of outreach and social media director, thank you for your dedication and continual hard work. Thank you for all of your hard work Richard and Kip, as a club we are grateful for everything that you do! Reminder to pay your club dues

New Business
   Sarah is speaking in February and Ramesh in March (subject to change).
Let’s Talk Bees!
New oxalic acid/glycerin treatment discussed as written about in American Bee Journal (page 43), by Randy Oliver. Pros, potential cons and basic formula discussed.

-For any time of the year
-Slower release
-Extended exposure
-More phoretic mites killed
Check out Randy Oliver’s site www.scientificbeekeeping.com

Paul Stametes and Dr. Sheppard explore fungal extracts that nearly eradicates several bee viruses (90%). Lower virus load can impact varroa treatment threshold.

Winter beekeeping tips: Read, deal with organization and equipment, consider nucs and queens, place orders, check your entrances make sure they are not blocked with dead bees, check your lids for moisture, keep hives dry on the inside (consider quilt box or tech foil inner cover), when weather permits that you can open your hive be sure that the honey is near the cluster, if there is no honey feed, do not let your bees starve! Do not compromise the integrity of the cluster when moving honey.

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm