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

Attendance

There were 46 people in attendance. A partial list includes:

- Risa Halpin
- Ellen Wright
- Shari Shattuck
- Gary Feuerhelm
- Kent Knock
- Bill McEnany
- Cara McEnany
- Sharon Schmidt
- Aaron Friesen
- De Davis-Guy
- Bob Davis-Guy
- Trish Christie
- Kevin Christie
- Carrie May

Call to order at 6:30 pm at the Bear Hotel in Grants Pass, OR

Vice President, Risa Halpin, presided over meeting. President, John Jacob, is in the almonds for pollination. Officers Kate Womack and Cheryl Housden were unable to attend.

Treasurer’s Report- Cheryl Housden
Cheryl was unable to attend. She reports that we are within budget in all categories.

OSB regional representative’ report- Sarah Red-Laird
No regional updates to report.

Secretary’s Report- Kate Womack
Kate is in the almonds, Ellen Wright is filling in. The February minutes were approved.

OSU Liaison’s Report- Rick Hilton
Rick Hilton was unable to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

DON’T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR BEE SCHOOL APRIL 15th!!!
Order NUCs and queens now if you have not done so. There is a list of suppliers in our area on the website (SOBA Market).
NEW BUSINESS

The April 3 meeting will be back at the OSU Extension Center. John will be in attendance and Sarah will update us on her pesticide education initiative.

Bernardo Nino from the UC Davis Bee Labs will speak on Queens at the May 1st meeting.

Dr. Ramesh Sagili from the OSU Bee Labs will present current research and issues with honey bees at the June 5 meeting.

SPEAKERS

Ellen Wright spoke about Swarm Prevention and Control. The slides will be put on the website, and a summary given at the April meeting.

Sarah Red-Laird spoke about her work with the Oregon Department of Agriculture to present a symposium on pesticide use with cannabis. Cannabis growers can be unaware of bee-friendly farming practices regarding pesticides. ODA is interested in presenting an educational program to local growers. This is important considering the unacceptable rates of pesticides that are highly toxic to bees being found in cannabis lately. Sarah will give an update on this work at the April meeting.

Bees do visit cannabis plants for pollen and resin.
If you suspect a pesticide kill/ call Mike Odenthal immediately (503-986-4635 or 503-986-4655. Do not try to collect bees for a sample before calling him – they will collect the sample.
Signs of pesticide kills include a “delta” of dead bees at the entrance. Or you might see 20 or more bees walking in circles, acting disoriented with an extended proboscis.
Take lots of pictures.

RT value of 8 = Residual Toxicity of 8 hours = how long it could kill bees after application.