November meeting minutes were accepted by motion (Teresa Lavery), second (Bob Davis-Guy) and vote of members in attendance.

**Secretary Report:** Shari Shattuck – minutes accepted as sent

**Vice President Report:** Check on your hives now

**Treasurer’s Report:** Cheryl Housden reported that we are within budget.

**Regional Representative’s Report:** Mysti Jacob reported that the next State Board meeting is February 24

**OSU Liaison’s Report:** Rick Hilton not present

**Old Business**

We discussed the clarification of the SOBA constitution regarding the number of board positions. It was moved (Kip Skelton) and seconded (Teresa Lavery) that we limit the board positions to the four officer positions: President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. The vote was passed with no dissension. All other positions with SOBA, including Outreach, Webmaster and Regional Representative are volunteer positions, not subject to the same election procedure as board member/officers.

SOBA’s Spring Bee School (Beekeeping Basics) will be held on April 7, 2018.

**New Business**

Randy Oliver of Scientific Beekeeping will be our speaker in July. He had a good article in the American Bee Journal magazine. We briefly discussed the possibility of charging a nominal fee for his presentation.

**Let’s Talk Bees**

The exceptionally warm winter so far may mean that your bees need extra feed. They are beginning to brood up and are coming out of the hives more frequently and are therefore burning through their stores at a faster rate than when it is colder. There is still not very much forage for them. Open your hives on days when the bees are flying, check them quickly and try not to disturb the cluster. Get the feed close to the cluster. Demand can be heavy right now.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm**