SOBA Meeting Minutes
July 2019

Attendees:
Amber Bishop      Gary Kliwer     Dale Puckett
Ron Burrus       Kent Knock      Bob Regner
Noah Clipp       Dan La Fond     Jeffrey Rice
De & Rob Davis-Guy Monica Loop      Alex Roe
Gary Feuerhelm   Eric McEwen     Sharon Schmidt
Kim Feuerhelm    Mike Miller     Kip Skelton
Debbie Gent      Ken Muhlestein  Anthony Torreson
Risa Halpin      Jesse Olhiser   Roger Veale
Mike Hanson      Jessica Olhiser  Heather Wolf
Cheryl Housden   Travis Owen     Harvey Young
Rosalie Kasal    Gary Peterson
Shane Kinney     Dave Powell

Treasurer's Report: Cheryl Housden reported that we are in budget

OSBA Liaison Report: Eric McEwen reports that the Oregon State Beekeepers fall meeting will take place in Florence, OR Oct 26th and 27th. Membership is $40. OSBA is looking for volunteers for their booth at the OR state fair in Salem, Aug 23rd-Sep 2nd.

Let’s Talk Bees
This meeting was an open discussion on a variety of seasonally applicable topics.

- It was noted that nucs purchased this spring are not likely to produce excess honey. In preparation of winter, ensure that all hives, including nucs, are full of honey. Any light hives would benefit from feeding. Hives that are full of honey do not need to be fed.

- Burr comb should be scraped from foundation frames and may be used as smoker fuel or melted down and used as you wish.

- What does one do with drone comb? Some beekeepers suggest cutting it out altogether, some suggest scraping the cappings and letting the bees clean out the larvae. This is a passive technique for controlling varroa. One may also do nothing with drone comb. It seems to be personal preference!

- Wax moths can be a problem in stored comb. Dark comb is more likely to become infested with wax moth larvae than white/yellow honey comb, so some beekeepers keep it separated in storage.

- This is also a prime time to test/treat for mites. Do it now before the mite populations explode in the fall! Whatever your method of mite control may be, have a plan if mites increase!