Meeting called to order at 6:35 by Lisa Halprin, President, who reminded membership that November meeting is scheduled to take place at the Bear Hotel in Grants Pass.

September minutes were accepted. No VP report. Treasurer reports that the club is within budget. No OSU rep in attendance.

Reminder that the State Conference will be held in Florence, OR October 25-27. All are encouraged to attend.

SOBA will be scheduling speakers and topics for 2020. Contact any board member with ideas.

 Treasure recommended donation to OSU Bee Lab of $3,000. Motion to accept made by De Davis-Guy; seconded by Bob Davis-Guy. Motion passed unanimously.

SOBA representative will make a driver run in October. Interested parties need to preorder through SOBA website. This is available to members only.

Shastina Millworks has merged with Mann Lake. Products are still available Monday through Friday at the store, which is now going into winter hours.

Equipment is available in Grants Pass through Mike Miller. Eric McEwen makes and sells 8 frame western boxes out of redwood.

Risa discussed lessons learned from past mistakes.

- Foundationless frames are too fragile. Comb breaks. Comb on outside edges of box melts in summer heat. Better success with insert in the center of the frame,
allowing bees to build comb on sides. They often put drone comb, which is easily removed. If you want to use foundationless frames, place it between brood frames so the bees will draw normal comb instead of fat comb. Shastina is now selling thinner foundation, which is easier for bees to heat up to make comb. Thinner foundation is not interchangeable with other foundation. Per Noah Clipp, put one frame foundationless per box for drones in the spring for mating, then in the fall for mite trapping.

- Do not store frames with wax. Wax moth damage has to be removed by hand; bees cannot remove it but they can repair the comb. Wax moths dislike light and air. Remove wax moth webbing by scratching the trail with a hive tool and picking out the webbing.
- Don’t wait to winter treat for mites. Winter solstice may be too late. Test for mite load before and after treatment.
- Have two nucs ready in case you lose queens.

**Fall and Winter maintenance**

Control moisture in the hive

Keep pollen patties on the hive as long as the bees are eating it.

Oxalic drizzle must be done with little brood in hive. Vapor is done when bees are not in cluster. Towels can only be done in dry weather to prevent moisture in hive.

Keep feeding liquid through October, then switch to winter feeding (sugar board, patties, drivert under lid, etc.)

Per John Jacob: Julie’s Mobile Vet Service has antibiotics to treat European Foul Brood. Apply antibiotics by mixing with powdered sugar, then dust frames. Small Hive Beetles have appeared in Southern Oregon. They will be on outside of brood frames. The larva is spiky and move very fast.

Bee Informed Partnership is a source for photos and descriptions of bee diseases, etc.

Parasitic Mite Syndrom presents like EFB.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm. November meeting will be November 4 at GP Bear Hotel.