SOBA Meeting Minutes
September 2019

Attendees:
Lorie Batten  
Travis Batton  
Michael Burns  
Steven Castellanos  
Michael Davis  
De Davis-Guy  
Robert Davis-Guy  
Richard Dumanoski  
Sue Evans  
Gary Feuerhelm  
Kim Feuerhelm  
Ray Foster  
Josee Fournier  
Risa Halpin  
Kathy Holmes  
Cheryl Housden  
Karen Irving  
Rosalie Kasal  
Kathy Kelly  
Kent Knock  
Ryan Kremp  
Dan La Fond  
Kelly Leatherwood  
Monica Loop  
Leslie Lundgren  
Eric McEwen  
Dave Mercer  
Mike Miller  
Murl Ming  
Ken Olmstead  
Travis Owen  
Jody Palzer  
Bob Regner  
Alex Roe  
Gene Sibet  
Kip Skelton  
Anthony Torreson  
Roger Veale  
Patricia Vernelson  
Tamera Vingino  
Heather Wolf  
Harvey Young

Elections: Members voted for new board members. The board is as follows:

President: Risa Halpin  
VP: Noah Clipp  
Regional Rep: Eric McEwen  
Treasurer: Cheryl Housden  
Secretary: De Davis-Guy

July minutes were accepted and seconded by Travis O. Cheryl reported SOBA is within budget.

Let’s Talk Bees
Noah Clipp talked about winter prep. Here are a few notes from his presentation:

- **Monitor/treat for mites.** Noah suggests following directions of the selected treatment, and possibly using a half-treatment for formic acid-based treatments. Consolidating hives to just two boxes will increase treatment efficacy. Be mindful of the treatment duration as per the specific type of treatment chosen, and plan accordingly. Don’t wait too long to treat!
- **Feed sugar syrup/pollen supplement.** Feed heavy syrup (2:1 sugar solution by weight) with buckets, jars, or frame feeders. Pollen sub patties should be placed directly above or within brood area.
- **Storage of empty equipment.** Store comb where it will receive airflow and possibly light to avoid an infestation of wax moths. Storing equipment in a dry place will extend its usable life and prevent rot. Store extra honey in a freezer for feeding bees, but make sure to warm it up at least to room temperature before returning it to a hive. **The meeting adjourned around 9pm.**