

Douglas County Bees
Monthly General Meeting/Newsletter
August 8, 2021
email/news letter
Good afternoon Members!

Since we did not have an in person monthly general meeting on the 4th of this month. This email will serve as the “business”; end of the general meeting that would have transpired.

Treasurer Report: There is \$3,000.74 in the checking account. This represents outgoing costs of \$50.00 to file our Oregon Business Registry, \$14.00 refund of new membership dues overpaid, and \$80.26 for office supplies needed in preparation of the Fair. The incoming funds are \$24.00 in new membership dues, \$25.56 from our Fred Meyer Community Rewards, and \$56.00 from our wonderful supporters at Costco via their employee charitable donation program. The Fair’s donations and raffle ticket sales will be recorded in the August books – which will be reported at September’s General Monthly Meeting. The savings account has \$2,798.15 . This represents \$1,970.15 non-designated funds, \$38.00 in equipment funds, and \$790.00 in cut-out crew funds

Secretary Report: We have 52 members in Douglas County Bees. I’m very pleased to see this membership increase. I don’t think we are quite yet at the level it was pre-covid....but we will keep trying.

Thank you to all our Douglas County Fair volunteers that staffed our booth and also to those that worked behind the scenes to get everything in order so that this event was a success! (I don’t think anyone can dispute the feeling that “Fair week is Hell week” for DCB members! Upon take down this morning at our booth at the Fair...I discovered a few NEW informational fliers that magically appeared! I do not know who contributed these But I thank you very much. The new fliers are: Community Rewards (re: how to link your Fred Meyer card to DCB and generate donations to DCB automatically – at no charge to YOU – from Fred Meyer. I have added on the flip side of this flier the amazon.smiles charity donations information. I now have a folder full of “Community Rewards” fliers for the next time we attend a show. Another flier was “Oregon Label Requirements for Extracted Honey.” This is a front and back informational page. Those are now copied and put into a folder waiting the next event. The last new flier I found was the Miller Method Calendar Template. In color – a one pager. Copied and in a folder for next time. All good! Oh, and I have master copies of everything in the secretary’s files....so that I will never have to go hunting around for the “all good” things we like to use at shows.

There were a few snafus in preparing for the Fair. One of the biggest issues was communication with our members. I try very diligently to keep the emails current for all of our current members. Not responding to time sensitive emails that require a response back causes

problems and headaches for the board members! (AKA: the people –you know, the admins of this club– working behind the scenes of the fair that need to meet deadlines and supply the information to the admins of the FAIR that are helping us to coordinate everything) Making Phil have to call every single one of the volunteers is a huge time suck. Communication could have been so much easier if everyone cooperated and answered their emails! I hope next year will be smooth sailing.

I'll be busy with ordering the informational brochures/magazines/cards from other organizations to replenish what the Fair depleted. I also have a few supplies to order like the wild flower seeds and the little plastic bags. Will be making copies of the other informational fliers that DCB provided that are low in stock too.

Again.... Thank you SO much to all our Fair volunteers this year. We could not have done this without you. I appreciate EVERYTHING you all did for us.

I would like to add a president's comment here in this newsletter, but Robert is so busy with getting our back deck repaired. (A major overhaul in the making) He is almost finished. I'm just gonna take a stab at it and offer some tips to what should be going on in August for beekeeping: Its DEARTH now.

Check on your bees to make sure they have food. Feed them. Keep a water supply available for them. Vent the hive to help the bees stay cool. Remember, they feel the heat just as much as you do! It is getting close to the yellow jacket invasion. Prepare your hives. Help your bees defend against these savages! Reduce the entrance to the hive. Set out yellow jacket traps, Empty them often...so that you always have room to catch and destroy more of the little yellow devils! If you are harvesting honey....please make sure you leave enough for the bees in the hive – this is their winter food you are taking. Be conservative.

See ya next month at Stewart Park.
Beau Miakinkoff ~ secretary/treasurer