

Douglas County Bees  
Monthly General Meeting  
**9/1/2021**

Abby's Annex-Roseburg  
7:00pm – 8pm

Robert Baune – President, opened the meeting with a Welcome greeting to 11 people in attendance.

3 were guests with one of them joining DCB. Robert will be calling the recipients of the cut-out bees for the 2021 season to get a “before winter” survival hive count. Then in the Spring, will follow up again so get a “winter survival” count. This information is needed for the survey that is published by OSU. Last year I believe only 2 people participated in that survey. This time, we want to fill out they survey on behalf of Douglas County Bees. This data collection will also enable us to determine where we need to improve on “saving the bees” in our community. We are making huge strides already with the much improved method of vacuuming the bees at Cut-outs. The survival rate has been WAY better than last year's (2020) bee season.

Beau Miakinkoff – Treasurer report, The 2021 Douglas County Fair has to date netted DCB \$343.94 into the general fund checking account. We took in \$668.22 of raffle ticket sales and donations and have paid out \$324.28 in expenditures of replacing the supplies that were depleted. Supplies of fliers, pamphletes, booklets, magazines, seed packets, honey. Anything that was completely gone has been replenished save for a new supply of American Bee Journal and any contributions from Shastina Millworks.

I have already received a donation of a box of 50 Bee Culture Magazines (I'm mixing it up a bit just to get a variety) Will be contacting American Bee Journal soon. I am still awaiting the replenishment of the OSU Extension Service Residential Beekeeping booklet – its on its way to us. I have most of all the pamphlets and informational cards and fliers, and some new ones back in stock. I found free quantities of “cooking with honey” booklets, and “honey bee stickers” for kids....we only had to pay the \$9.95 shipping for those. The pollinator wildflower seeds and packaging supplies have been replenished too...those, we had to pay for.

Secretary report, we have 53 members now! Phil Moulton stepped down from his duties as Vice President at the later end of August due to his increased health issues. As a result of this, the remaining board members held a meeting and discovered that there are no provisions in our Constitution and By-laws that address a board member stepping down/resigning. We made one. And since it is only one month before DCB has our annual board/chair elections, it was prudent to appoint an interim Vice President until the October General Meeting, at which time we will hold our scheduled election. Charley Moyer has agreed to step in and assume the Vice President duties for DCB in the mean time. Because DCB is an LLC with a 501(c)(3) status, it is imperative that we have a minimum of 3 signing board members on our bank account. Charley

has been officially registered at our bank to handle both checking and savings account transactions.

FYI: for the October 2021 general meeting/election, DCB is in need of chair persons for Education, Event Organizer, Community/Club Liaison, – and I would like to see a chair person to take photo records at cut-outs and possibly events.

Hand-outs at the meeting were on “how to make sugar syrup to feed your honey bees” and “the honey bees’s visual understanding /what colors do bees see (and painting bee hives). Both topics were openly discussed along with treating for mites. There was some round robin participation with what’s happening with attendee’s hives.

DCB Bee school is in the process of creating classes for all members to help with improving beekeeping skills. This is for all levels of beekeeping. The call has been made for any DCB member to make a syllabus for any topic of beekeeping to present at a class. Classes will be during the winter months. (October, November, December) For now, please contact Beau to coordinate your ideas and presentations. Beau will do the first one titled: So You Want To Become A Bee Keeper! (an introduction to bee keeping) And will cover types of hives, what bees do during the seasons, what we do for the bees during the seasons. When the classes will be and where are still to be determined.

Abby’s Annex has ample room for all in attendance to spread out and keep a social distance. Masks were required to enter the restaurant and place your dinner order. Abby’s staff deliver the order to the Annex for you. Our agreement with Abby’s is that we have the building from 6pm to 8pm. So you have time to come early, eat dinner, and the meeting will begin on time at 7pm. They only thing Abby’s requests is that DCB spends a minimum of \$50.00 in food purchases per meeting. This is not a huge problem with 5 or 6 members arriving early to have dinner this will easily be achieved.

To encourage members to participate in reaching our “rent for the meetings”, I proposed, via a DCB Board e-mail meeting that DCB will give out tickets to the members that purchase a meal and at the opening of the meeting, will draw a winner to have their meal reimbursed! Robert seconded it, Charley approved!

At the time of the writing of these minutes, I got a call that Phil Moulton passed away yesterday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Memorial arrangements are pending. As soon as I am notified, I will forward the information to the Bee Club members. Cheryl did ask that she did not wish for condolence cards to be sent to the house. She instead insisted that Phil would want those that felt inclined to make memorial contributions to DCB instead of flowers and such.

On a personal note: Phil was my beekeeping mentor. He will be missed.