

Douglas County Bees
General Membership Meeting
December 7, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., presided over by Vice President Charley Moyer.

23 people were in attendance, and we gathered in the main dining room of Abby's Pizza in Roseburg, because our standing reservation for the Annex had been mysteriously cancelled.

The financial report: as of December 7, the checking account had \$4,575.64 and the savings account had \$1,945.39. Tony Beerbohm was the Dinner Winner. Because we didn't have the checkbook, the incoming treasurer took Tony's receipt so he could be paid in January. Following this meeting, the new board will go to Umpqua Bank to transfer the club's bank account over to the incoming officers, since this is a normal part of the transition and the previous officers are not needed for this, according to Umpqua Bank. We also received our first 2023 dues, which will be deposited when we go to the bank.

There was no old business to discuss, so the discussion moved on to introductions. During the discussion, it was clear that all of the members would like to have more focus on bees and beekeeping in 2023, as everyone seemed to express needing/wanting more help with their hives. There was a lot of confusion about when to feed bees, when to test for mites, etc. All of this will be covered in the next few meetings. Many suggested that the majority of future meetings should be focused on beekeeping, not fundraising.

Since the entire incoming 2023 Board of Directors was in attendance, discussion then moved to where we see the club going in the future – answers included more education, more field trips to each other's beehives, guest speakers, a member roster, and more communication in general.

Further transition plans in December would include: obtaining a new P.O. Box for the club and forwarding the mail from the previous secretary's home address, creating the new website, contacting all of our festival contacts and surrounding beekeeping associations with our new board members, and paying the Oregon State Beekeepers Association yearly dues when we have control over the bank account.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.