



Umpqua Valley Beekeepers Association



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Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2023

6-8 p.m., at Abby's Annex in Roseburg

ATTENDANCE

Twenty-five people attended the meeting – 20 members and 5 guests. As of last night, another 8 joined the club, bringing the total number of members to 25 for the year.

VISITORS

Many of the visitors to the meeting are brand-new beekeepers, just getting started, and they represented properties throughout the county. They expressed that they are all looking for information for beginning beekeeping, and several had already been to the new website. The website will soon contain beginning information, terms, and we may create a welcome packet as well.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

NEW BYLAWS

The current bylaws and the proposed bylaws have been sent to all current members. We're hoping to pass the new bylaws at the March 1 meeting, but there are still a few spots that may need to be tweaked first. Voting may occur at the April meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

The board would like to add a fifth board member, who would oversee welcoming our new members, connecting them with mentors, and emailing the membership about upcoming meetings. A job description is available on the website at this link:

<https://www.umpquavalleybeekeepers.org/member-resources.html>

Only paid members may hold an office, but this person may volunteer themselves and be voted into the position by a majority of the members present. We're hoping to elect this person in March or April.

Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Work with the secretary to maintain the membership roster.
- Welcome new or potential new members who attend a meeting as a guest or contact the association inquiring about membership.

- Conduct intake interviews (in person or on the phone) to determine the level of assistance/mentorship they might be looking for by joining UVBA.
- Provide a welcome packet which includes resources and intro to beekeeping information. (This may be solved by the information that will be on the website.)
- Send email reminders regarding membership renewal every December/January and October election reminders every September.

NEW MEETING LOCATION

This will always be something we need to look at with every meeting. Abby's Annex in Roseburg won't be able to hold our numbers for long, so we are considering either moving back to the Douglas County Courthouse or the second-floor OSU Extension Auditorium, if possible.

Just be aware that *at some point*, we will be moving, and we don't want to lose anyone! Fortunately, the other two locations are just down the road from Abby's, so we can leave a note on the door those first few meetings to remind anyone who might show up at the Annex.

NEW BUSINESS CARDS

We're ready to purchase business cards for the club, and a sheet with three designs was passed around the meeting for people to vote on. It was surprisingly close! The first design won with only one extra vote! They will be ordered from Vista Pint and should be here within two weeks. They will be cards for the club, no one's name will be on them, but there is space on the cards in case you need to add your personal contact info when speaking with the public.

We will order 1500 cards (\$81.00), with Standard Shipping (\$12), to cost no more than \$93.

GOOGLE NUMBERS

The UVBA has two phone numbers moving forward. They are both Google Numbers, which means we can point them toward any number we want. Google Voice is a free service from Google, so these numbers can stay with the club no matter if the people change.

- 1. SWARM HOTLINE: (541) 236-4732**
- 2. Business Line: (541) 236-5952**

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Checking account \$4,535.14, Savings Account \$1,945.50
- Number of paid memberships as of 1-31-2023: 17
(8 more came in 2-1-2023, for 25 members)
- Bills Paid: Master Gardener Plant Expo booth fee \$33
- Bills due: Growing Miracles Lavender Festival booth fee \$175 – *Approved unanimously*
- Business cards will be ordered (see above)
- New signage for our festival booth will be ordered (see below)

Proposed Budget: A proposed budget was passed, and is available at the website by following this link: [2023 Proposed Budget](#)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

FESTIVALS – Ivory Los Banos

Festival organizers have been notified of our new name and contact information.

There are five festivals we're looking at this year so far:

1. Glide Wildflower Show (April)
2. Master Gardener Plant Expo (May)
3. Elkton Blooms & Butterflies (June)
4. Growing Miracles Lavender Festival (July)
5. Douglas County Fair (August)

You can stay updated on the dates of these festivals on the website ([Festival Page!](#)), as dates will be updated as we learn of them. Sign-up sheets to cover the booth will be circulated before each festival. This is a fun time to represent our club, as everyone at these particular festivals are always excited to see The Bee People.

(Other festivals can also be added if there's enough interest from members to staff the booth.)

SWARMS – Ian Fuller

Ian is collecting names for those interested in being involved in our 2023 swarm-catching season. The details of exactly how the swarm call process will work is being worked on now, and the members will be notified ASAP when this is finalized (planning on working on this before Monday, Feb. 6).

Any questions or suggestions can be sent to UmpquaValleyBeekeepers@Gmail.com

SOCIAL MEDIA – Cynthia

The website is LIVE – you can find it here: UmpquaValleyBeekeepers.org

The "Resources" section will be filled in ASAP. If you have any additions to it, you can always email Cynthia at UmpquaValleyBeekeepers@Gmail.com.

The website is live on the OSBA website, but it was noted that their contact info and our meeting time/date still needs to be checked, so Cynthia will follow up with that.

OLD BUSINESS

2022 is put to bed, and we're moving on to 2023!

NEW BUSINESS/BEE NEWS/SHARING/QUESTIONS

1. Ramesh Sagili from the OSU Honey Bee Lab will be speaking at the next **Southern Oregon Beekeepers Association, Monday, February 6, at 6:30 p.m.**
LOCATION: OSU Extension Building, 569 Hanley Rd., Central Point, OR
More information can be found here: [Southern Oregon Beekeepers Assoc.](#)
Information on Mr. Sagili can be found here: [Ramesh Sagili](#)
2. The **OSU College of Agricultural Science** has successfully sold 3,000 vouchers for the proposed “Pollinator Plates” so Oregon will be getting new license plates, with our favorite insects on it! Learn more here: [Pollinator Plates a reality!](#)
3. **NOT MENTIONED AT THE MEETING!!!!**
The **Douglas County Master Gardeners** are having their **Spring into Gardening** one-day workshop on **Saturday, March 11, 2023!** Members of UVBA will be on hand teaching a bee class, focusing on Bees in the Garden. The cost to attend the day’s events is \$25, and more information is here: [Spring into Gardening](#)
4. **UVBA member Kelly Heard** brought in comb from one of her long Lang hives that was recently lost to too much moisture from rain and condensation. This is the #1 reason beekeepers lose bees in the winter – moisture gets into the hives and the bees cannot handle it. Her other two colonies in regular Langstroth hives are fine. Members advised her on how to avoid this next winter – by tarping the roof and checking for moisture throughout the rainy season. She was also advised to freeze the salvaged comb to kill any bugs or eggs that may be there, then she can harvest what capped honey she saved, and then members shared ways to melt down the wax comb, should she want to do that. Old empty comb can be saved to be used for future swarms, etc. also. It doesn’t all have to be melted down.
5. The general consensus from everyone present is that they are very interested in getting a nice **Swarm Hotline process** in place, and all are eager to start **Beeks Academy**. This month the board and chairs will work on both of these things, as swarm season is upon us.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Abby’s Annex, 1661 NE Stephens St, Roseburg, OR
Education at Meeting: *Ivory Los Banos and others will discuss swarms: how to catch them and make them feel at home in your hives.*