

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY 2017, 12:30 pm (rescheduled from Jul 8)**

Location: UC Ext Board Room, Humboldt County Agriculture Department, 5630 South Broadway, Eureka, CA

Time: Started 12:40 pm – Adjourned 1:45 pm

Board members attending: Justin Reeve, President (760) 505-9021 (justinmreeve87@gmail.com); Janelle Bucklin, Treasurer (mommy2anni@gmail.com); Britt Frey (boldagain@icloud.com); Laurie Neville (qmr_bees@iCloud.com), Secretary ; Co-Chair Paul Leslie (humboldthoneywine@yahoo.com), Robin Gereck (bizzybawdy@yahoo.com),

Board members absent: Vice President Jamie Bucklin, (jamiEBucklin@yahoo.com)

Public members present: John Winzler, Lynette Woodward

Reference documents: (1) Proposed July agenda (HCBA_July_2017_AGENDA.pdf) (2) JUNE 2017 Minutes (HCBA_JUN_2017_MINUTES.pdf),

Public Comment: An issue on HCBA Facebook was raised, and involved a recent post publicly stating names and locations regarding apiaries (with respect to swarms in this case) A request was made to establish a policy to discourage stating names and specific locations of local apiaries in a public forum and delete the recent post that referred to people and locations. Paul Leslie offered to co-administer the Facebook site with Jamie Bucklin. Joy Thomas who was previously listed should be removed. It was decided that the offending post would be deleted. Paul offered to post an announcement to members to be discreet, check facts and refrain from posting specific beekeepers names and locations with respect to their apiaries.

Action Items:

1. **Wed, 12 July 2017 Board Agenda approved.**
2. **Wed, June 2017 Board meeting minutes approved.**

Items for discussion (Public comment requested at start of each item)

3. **Treasurer's Report** (J Bucklin) Asset balance for HCBA account as of July 11, 2017 at \$8461.95 Please see detailed June 2017 budget report, profit/loss and statement for detailed information on expenditures/income.
4. **Discussion of Bee Fest 2018:**
 - a. Acknowledgements (cards and letters) for BeeFest 2017 sent to vendors and donors (Janelle Bucklin)
 - b. **Bee Fest 2018 event date proposed for Saturday, May 19, 2018.** The following were candidates to start the planning committee in advance: Janelle Bucklin, Britt Frey, Lorna Brown, Justin Reeve, but Board members in general should prepare to participate.
5. **Humboldt Botanical Garden HBG) Birds and Bees Series – 6/24/17:** HCBA was invited to coordinate garden talks in collaboration with HBG on “Bees & Beekeeping” (Jamie Bucklin), “Native Bees in the Garden” (with Kim McFarland), there were materials available for the public, including plant lists. Britt Frey & Laurie Neville set up the day before. The observation hive and equipment displays were appreciated and members Chris House, and Bonnie Owens generously gave their time to make it a great outreach.
6. **Status of new website launch (with support of Ellen Cotes & Eureka Media)** (L Neville) – The new website went live June 7. There are still additions/modifications being made to the content. But all agreed it looks good. For now, Laurie is acting as webmaster. Any suggestions/info/corrections for the site should be directed to Laurie at Lnevillevr@gmail.com. An HCBA webmaster email address will be added to site.

7. **Community/School events pending: Current requests to Board Pres/Sec received for HCBA presentations/display:**
- a. **Fortuna Farmer's Market (recd 6/7) (Contact: Aubrey Schooley email: aubrey.schooley@outlook.com,) Paul Leslie confirmed to present display table at Farmer's Market and will arrange with Aubrey - Date pending**
 - b. **Eureka Sequoia Garden Club (recd 6/20) (Contact: Maria Krenek) L Neville confirmed talk (date tbd)**
 - c. **Trinidad Public Library (ages 7-14 y) (proposed Aug 17). Member Chris House suggested (Contact is Kristin Dalziel email: kdalziel@co.humboldt.ca.us - Secretary will contact Chris House, Justin Reeve is considering the dates with Aug 17 an option**
 - d. **Timber Ridge Assisted Living-McKinleyville (date/time tbd) –Cheryl Furman suggested and one other, (Jeannine Kaprielian was suggested). (Timber Ridge Contact is Kim Mathieson kmathieson@danco-group.com) for a day during week of August 14 thru 18; brief 30 mins talk with equipment/visuals to talk to seniors.**
- Note:**
- i. Secretary, Laurie N will continue to follow through on these presentation requests.
 - ii. Britt Frey found a useful presentation request form from Sonoma Beekeepers Assoc that should be useful.
8. **Honey Extraction event at Mad River Brewery – discussion and plan to be further laid out, date for event proposed: Sunday, September 10.** Justin Reeve will follow up with Mad River Brewery. The following extractors are expected to be at the event: (1) 20 frame radial electric (Justin), (1) 6 frame radial (Justin) and the new extractor to be purchased before Sept 10. Britt offered to lend her 20 frame radial extractor if needed.
9. **Honey extractor purchase- Fund update: \$178.00 raised by extractor fund.** Extractor purchase pending Jul/Aug. Justin, Jamie and Paul considering brand options. – suggestion made to sell the two older galvanized manual extractors, then buy one new stainless, probably a 6-9 frame electric and/or a 6 frame radial hand crank model. Britt Frey is interested in buying the two older galvanized extractors price at \$150 for both. Justin will work with Paul Leslie who has a Glory Bee resale option for a further discount on new extractor, Board voted on funds to purchase approved at \$500.00, With sale of galvanized to Britt, approximately \$300 is available in fundraising to go towards extractor.
10. **HCBA logo fundraising products – Developments & plan (Janelle Bucklin):**
Treasurer Janelle Bucklin working on process (and forms) for special order in Fall for Association (Sep/Oct) - for members with specific items (hoodies, etc). A HCBA logo table/wall banner was also requested for outreach events. Canvas aprons, hoodies with zippers and fabrics were requested. Plan is to have order process ready by Sep general meeting
11. **Status of pending and confirmed general meeting guest speakers**
Discussion/planning on potential speakers contacted, or to be contacted: (Jake Yarish, Les Crowder (L Neville contacted), and Bee Girl...) September and October are open. Michael Mesler or Kim McFarland (Laurie will contact) are pending for a Fall lecture on native bees. November is tentative for election, honey-tasting, bee film? Britt Frey will inquire to Michael Bush cost and availability. Suggestion made to explore resources in Oregon... including Old Sol Apiaries (Justin will check) and Dewey Caron.
12. **Planning for community outreach events & materials for 2017 (excluding Bee Fest).** Includes fairs, schools, clubs, use of demonstration hive, disposition of outreach materials and access the HCBA materials, etc. Discussion on how to best store handouts. It was suggested to cut back on printing costs, rather than have a brochure, a quarter page flyer of contacts, pertinent information may be adequate and more economical. Laurie (Secty) will draft a design. The NAPPC has a variety of very nice brochures – free with a small shipping cost (\$3.00 per 50). Currently the storage is at Jamie Bucklin's construction shop in McKinleyville. Contact is Jamie Bucklin or Justin Reeve for access to the display tabling materials. It was suggested to try to consolidate the boxes for tabling events to two specific boxes for easier pickup/handling – one for meetings, one for tabling events.

13. Status of pending special local expertise/mentorship workshops (Topics/dates) further discussion/planning needed for remainder of 2017 and plan for 2018. (Justin Reeve workshop on splits and queens planned for July

JULY 2017 MEDIA REPORT

Public Service Announcements for the HCBA general meeting & lecture featuring Justin Reeve's talk, were sent to the established HCBA radio, print and internet media list and posted on Humboldt Beekeepers Yahoo Listserv and Facebook page in June/July and additional reminders to social media (Yahoo, FB (HCBA, etc) and mailing list.

Note:
*An inquiry to psa's being received by radio station 105.5FM was made, Secretary will look into it, if it is not on the list, will try to add it in.

JULY 2017 GENERAL MEETING PSA/Announcement

Thursday, June 1, 2017 General Meeting:
Duration: 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Attendance: 54
Program: "Splitting Hives and Handling Queens"
With Justin Reeve

Public Service Announcement: For immediate release through June 1 2017

The Humboldt County Beekeepers Association presents:
"Splitting Hives and Introducing Queens" with Justin Reeve

Justin has been keeping bees for four years in Humboldt County and is the owner of R&R Apiaries and operates a honey bee recovery/extraction business and wasp removal service He also serves as current president of the HCBA and Chair of the Board of Directors.

The meeting will be held at the Humboldt County Agriculture Center Auditorium at 5630 South Broadway in Eureka CA (take Humboldt Hill Rd exit off HWY 101). There is a \$2.00 donation at the door, refreshments & a raffle. Come early at 6:00 p.m. For the New Beekeepers Support Group Q & A Session to share your beekeeping successes and challenges with experienced beekeepers.

Everyone is welcome.

Contact President Justin Reeve for more information (tel: [\(760\) 505-9021](tel:7605059021) or email justinmreeve87@gmail.com)

General announcements were made following the NBSG at 6:00pm, it was emphasized that any serious disease issues/questions be directed to Dave Juliano, Inspector/Apiary contact at the Hum Co Dept of Ag.

JULY 2017 LOCAL WORKSHOPS (1)

Beekeeping Workshop- Justin Reeve
"Splitting hives & handling queens"
Wednesday, July 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
1407 Fieldbrook Rd in McKinleyville (cross street Lyman Road, park on right, bee hives on left).

The next local Humboldt Co beekeeping workshop is planned for Wednesday, July 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with Justin Reeve at his Fieldbrook apiary. The focus will be on making splits, and handling queens. For more information, and if you would like to attend, give Justin a call at [\(760\) 505-9021](tel:7605059021) or email at justinmreeve87@gmail.com

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