



**HUMBOLDT COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, 7 June 2016**

**Location:** Conference Room, Humboldt County Agriculture Department, 5630 South Broadway, Eureka, CA 95501

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Board members present:** Jamie Bucklin, President (707-845-3362), ([jamiebucklin@yahoo.com](mailto:jamiebucklin@yahoo.com)); Janelle Bucklin, Treasurer ([mommy2anni@gmail.com](mailto:mommy2anni@gmail.com)); Laurie Neville, Secretary([QMR\\_Bees@iCloud.com](mailto:QMR_Bees@iCloud.com)); Justin Reeve ([justinmreeve87@gmail.com](mailto:justinmreeve87@gmail.com)); Robin Gereck ([bizzybawdy@yahoo.com](mailto:bizzybawdy@yahoo.com)),

**Public members present:** Brad Woodward, Linnette Woodward, John Winzler, Katherine Almy (Taylor), Richard Taylor.

**Reference documents:** (1) June 2016 Minutes (2) 3 May 2016 Meeting Minutes

**Action Items:**

**1. Reviewed/approved agenda for June:**

Current meeting agenda (6/7/2016) approved, with additions as noted.

**2. Reviewed/approved May 2016 Board Meeting Minutes**

**3. Vote on bringing in speaker for July meeting/Workshop – Albert Chubak of eco bee box**

- a. Discussion on hosting Albert Chubak for presentation on July 14 and possible workshop on July 16. Fee for workshop was suggested at between 420-30 per person. The Board voted to invite Chubak at a maximum cost to HCBA of \$650.00. The President will make this offer and report back to the Board.

**Items for Discussion:**

**4. Treasurer's Report (Janelle Bucklin)**

- a. As of 30 May 2016, total assets were \$6,520.10. Please refer to the HCBA Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for details on HCBA expenditures & balances.
- b. Approval for yearly printing costs (all except HCBA general Brochure) of \$491.42
- c. It was noted that an additional printing of the HCBA general brochure was held back as changes still need to be made (these changes are to be made by L Neville, Secretary). Also, there will be new information with respect to list-serve forum and other links. Janelle will check best value price quote with Central Office Copy for a 250-300 count run -

**5. BeeFest 2016 – Report on event outcome (Justin Reeve, Coordinator)**

- a. Overall, the event was well-attended. It was felt by all that a good connection was made with the public on the importance of pollinators.
- b. The total income from sales of food, items and donations was \$3456.14. The total expense to host the event was \$1,967.43 The net income was \$1,488.71. For details on expenses and income, please refer to the Bee Fest 2016 budget on the Profit and Loss statement (Accrual Basis), January through May 2016.
- c. The Mason bee box, swarm box and mead making workshops were very successful, many non-beekeepers were in attendance for these sessions.
- d. A vendor did have a complaint regarding “traffic flow” at the event- in terms of placement of a booth.
- e. There was an excess of baked goods in general. Baklava in excess (possibly due to higher cost )
- f. Bee Fest “Wrap-up” - a thank you gift for Lorna Brown was discussed, gift certificate will be considered – Janelle will accept suggestions, and further confirm.
- g. Those who made donations to the event received an acknowledgment letter at the time of the donation.
- h. Thank you to the Woodward’s who provided a jar of honey to each of the volunteers.

**6. Webmaster search – Robin, Jamie to report on potential leads**

- a. Katherine Almy offered to take over the task of making current updates to the website, including uploading announcements and the recent revised 2016 swarm list on a pro-bono basis, until webmaster issue can be resolved.
- b. Jamie will facilitate communication/exchange of passcodes for the HCBA website between Stephen Sottong and Katherine Almy. Katherine Almy (public member in attendance) noted that Ellen Coates (of Eureka Media) may be a candidate for the HCBA webpage design update. She is fast and efficient. Katherine will inform the Board of costs that might be involved.
- c. Robin Gereck noted that Shannon Anderson may be a skilled individual interested in working in a supportive capacity with the Board.

**7. Yahoo group problems and the need to moderate specific HCBA list-serve/forum**

- a. Board had discussion as to the recent undiplomatic exchanges on Yahoo Listserve generated from swarm list issue. Jamie noted that he had addressed the membership at large at the May 5, 2016 meeting, acknowledging the issue that transpired April/May between members of the yahoo listserv and the administrators, Dick La Forge & Julia Witt-Graham.
- b. It was agreed that a new HCBA forum/listserv that can be originated via the website would be ideal (Possibly Google or other host). Robin Gereck /Jamie Bucklin were suggested as possible administrators for the forum/listserv. It was noted that there is a lack of clarity as to the affiliation of the HCBA to the current Yahoo Listserv that is administered by Dick La Forge and Julia Whitt-Graham. The name on the Listserv, “Humboldt Beekeepers” is currently being used. The original Yahoo documentation form was submitted suggests affiliation with the Humboldt Beekeepers, as a “club” HCBA, which is not correct for the current status as a non-profit Association.

- c. It was suggested that the current Yahoo Listserve be mentioned as a resource, but note that it is not affiliated with the HCBA. It was suggested that re-wording the HCBA website link to the Yahoo List-serve may help clarify that the List-serve is not affiliated with the HCBA, but is a communication tool available to HCBA membership.
  - d. It was suggested that an option might be to invite individuals to come together in a closed meeting of the Board to clarify issues. The following dates were suggested for special meeting times with Dick La Forge and Julie Whit-Graham: Mon, 20 June (Board 5:30-6:30) (With invitees 6:30-7:30pm) alternative date being Mon, 27 June. The President, J Bucklin will extend the invitation.
8. **Meeting Locations:** A question was raised by member(s) on the Yahoo List-serve to consider alternating HCBA General Meeting locations between the Department of Agriculture and the Bayside Grange. Consideration was given, but it was decided that logistically, this could pose problems with confusion about meeting locations from month to month, the lack of technology at the Grange (digital projector, etc), issues with set up/clean up. It was concluded that the Department of Agriculture provides an optimal infrastructure for the meetings and workshops and is centrally located relative to members in Southern Humboldt and Northern Humboldt.
9. **Topics for consideration at next Board Meeting (Tuesday, 12 July 2016)**
- a. Start advance planning for Honey Extraction Event, a suggestion was made to charge a small donation to raise funds for new extractor & other equipment. Or to organize specific fundraiser(s) for needed equipment.
  - b. It was suggested that asking for a donation for people to participate in connection with the “New Beekeeper Support Group” activities could help raise funds for equipment or speakers
  - c. Potential speakers for future meetings were suggested, including Jeremy Rose (Author of Coastal California Beekeeping), and Elina Lastro Nino (Extension apiculturist and research professor at UC Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology, Honey Bee Research Facility). L Neville (Secretary) will contact Dr. Nino to see if she would be available as a guest speaker in future.

**Additions to 6/7/2016 agenda as requested at time of this meeting:**

- a. Date change of July Board meeting from 7/5/2016 to 7/12/2016 due to July 4 holiday and absences of Board members. Date change for HCBA General meeting from 7/7/2016 to 7/14/2016
- b. Address Woodward letter (ref to Yahoo Listserve/Swarm List) sent by email to HCBA Board of Directors (from Linnette Woodward).

Minutes recorded and submitted by: Laurie Neville, Secretary