

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES,  
WEDNESDAY, 3 MAY 2017, 12:30 pm**

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

**Time:** Started 12:45 pm, adjourned 2:15 pm

**Board members:** Justin Reeve, President (760) 505-9021 ([justinmreeve87@gmail.com](mailto:justinmreeve87@gmail.com)); Jamie Bucklin, Vice-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)); Paul Leslie ([humboldthoneywine@yahoo.com](mailto:humboldthoneywine@yahoo.com)), Co-chair Board;

**Absent:** Robin Gereck ([bizzybawdy@yahoo.com](mailto:bizzybawdy@yahoo.com)), Britt Frey ([boldagain@icloud.com](mailto:boldagain@icloud.com))

**Public members present:** Jeannine Kaprielian, John Winzler, Mike Silva, Mrs. Silva

**Reference documents:** (1) June 7 agenda (HCBA\_June\_2017\_AGENDA.pdf) (2) 3 May 2017 Minutes (HCBA\_MAY\_2017\_MINUTES.pdf),

**Public Comment:**

- a) John Winzler confirmed that he will be speaking at the General Meeting (5/4//2017) on topic of Varroa mite and will use the digital projector.
- b) Jeannine Kaprielian reconfirmed Manila Community RC Penninsula Health & Safety Fair (5/16/17) and the group confirmed HCBA presence with display for community interaction on bees...beekeepers to attend will be confirmed (likely L Neville & Chris House)

**Action Items:**

1. Agenda for this meeting (3 May 2017) was approved as presented.
2. Board meeting Wed, Apr 5, 2017 minutes approved as presented.
3. Reimbursement on behalf of Melissa “MissyBee” Krein for expenses of \$165.00 relative to 2016 Bee Fest (lost receipt) was approved
4. The Board approved HCBA participation at the Manila RC Penninsula Health and Safety Fair event. (10-2pm on May 13, 2017 at the Manila Community Center.
5. The Board approved a general meeting speakers reimbursement of \$300.00 to Bernardo Nino, UC Davis (Confirmed speaker for June 1 Meeting) to cover travel expenses, and donation to the UCD El Nino Bee Lab.

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

**6. Treasurer’s Report (J Bucklin):**

- a. Bank account balance as of April 30, 2017 was 5,648.21 Please refer to April 30 balance, profit and loss and reconciliation sheet circulated by the Treasurer.

**7. Swarm List 2017 –**

- a. Status of swarm list (P Leslie) – Paul provided the completed excel file of Swarm/Wasp/Cutout list on flashdrive for web and list circulation. Hard copies of applications/waivers given to L Neville, Secretary

- b. Circulation of swarm response and contact information made to public agencies including Fire, police and sheriff dispatch; Humboldt County Dept of Agriculture; County Animal Control. Contact persons identified for each of the agencies to facilitate updates and communication. Swarm Reporting Flyers distributed to local merchants (feed stores, nurseries, some cafes and neighborhood watch groups (Eureka). Media public service announcements on swarm reporting/response to radio, print and television (L Neville).
8. **Status of website launch (Ellen Cotes & Eureka Media)** (L Neville) The revised website is still being populated and should be live soon. Behind original schedule, hoping to be live by mid to end May
9. **Outcome of HCBA Outreach table at Eureka Natural Foods** (Frye/Reeve) - Date of event: Sat, Apr 17-24, 2017, the observation hive and display was coordinated with Jamie, Jeannine, Justin, Britt and her partner. It was clarified that the store does not match the amount raised...the funds come from the “register round-up”, and “Change 4 Change” ENFs charitable community fundraising program. Jamie Bucklin reported that the owner is interested in holding the same event focus with HCBA at the McKinleyville ENF Store. Exact value of donation from ENF still pending...Justin will be in contact with ENF.
10. **Outcome of HCBA Outreach table at Miller Farms Nursery** (Bucklin/Neville) – Date: Sat, Apr 29, 2017; Jamie and Laurie represented the HCBA display with equipment and observation hive at Miller Farms Nursery in McKinleyville and shared information, answered questions from the public, approx 20-30 people.
11. **Report on school outreach: Arcata Elementary** (Jamie Bucklin). Environmental Fair on 14 April, 2017 went well with Jamie sharing information and the observation hive with kindergarten – about 90 people attending the event.
12. **HCBA logo (final design) and fundraising products** (Janelle Bucklin) Final design of new logo was adopted by email vote and the first purchase package of merchandise (4/28) . With new logo in place, (30)T-shirts, tote bags and caps were ordered. The (55) Limited Edition Bee Fest 2017 T-shirts will sell for \$30, The new HCBA logo (30) T-shirts for \$20, (12) tote bags are \$10, (6) beanies \$20 and (6) caps \$25. It was suggested that this first limited order for Bee Fest and then remainder sold at meetings and other events. Additional order will be made later as supply dwindles.
13. **Bee Fest 2017 (Jan Bucklin/Reeve)** Planning and preparation underway; a large film screen is needed. More raffle items are also needed, The board members were requested to assist in getting more donations over the next 2 weeks. A basket theme is planned for the raffle prizes, Also need to post announcements to the membership regarding honey contributions for the honey-tasting contest. Paul Leslie noted that honey sugar for the cotton candy endeavour will be cost prohibitive, so regular cane sugar is recommended.
14. **Status of pending general meeting guest speakers:** Justin Reeve will speak on making splits and aspects of summer management at the July 5, general meeting. Dick La Forge has confirmed to speak on bee health, diseases and pest infestations for the Thursday, Aug 3 general meeting
15. **Topics for consideration at next Board Meeting** (Wed., June 7, 2017 12:30 p.m.)
  - **Status of pending general meeting guest speakers:** Discussion/planning on individuals contacted, or to be contacted is needed. Up to this meeting, Jamie Bucklin still working on Jake Yarish and Jeremy Rose/Jeannine /Kaprielian checking with Seth Rick. Other options were not fully discussed at this meeting, due to lack of time.

- **Planning for community/merchant-based fundraising/outreach events** for 2017 (excluding Bee Fest). Including fairs, schools, clubs, use of demonstration hive, disposition of outreach materials and process by which Board members/Assoc members can use the HCBA materials, etc was not discussed due to lack of time
- **Status of pending workshops (Topics/calendar dates)** Not covered, due to lack of time, further discussion/planning is needed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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## **MAY GENERAL MEETING REPORT**

**Thursday, May 4, 2017 General Meeting:**

**Duration: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Attendance: 61**

### **Program:**

"Honey Bee Health: A Focus on the Varroa Mite" with John Winzler

Local beekeeper John Winzler, gave an excellent talk on the natural history, biology and the value of integrated pest management, including clarifying the monitoring and various control methods for Varroa mite.

The mite life cycle correlation with the bees life cycle, and the efficacy of treatments based on timing of the cycles was particularly helpful. This talk was appreciated and well received by beginning and advanced beekeepers in attendance. Following and during the talk, the audience and speaker engaged in discussion of health management options and methods to make more informed management choices.

Meeting was held at the UC Extension Auditorium, Humboldt County Agriculture Center, 5630 South Broadway, Eureka, CA

## **MAY MEDIA REPORT**

Public Service Announcements for the HCBA general meeting & lecture, Bee Fest and a special Swarm Reporting/Recovery was sent to the established radio, print and internet media sites and posted on Humboldt Beekeepers Yahoo Listserv and Facebook page in mid-May and additional reminders to social media the week of the meeting.

### **Special coverage:**

The month of May featured three articles in the Eureka Times-Standard:

**Bee Fest:** Two articles for Bee Fest entitled “Eureka Festival Celebrates the Bounty” (Journalist, Will Houston, May 13, 2017) and “Bee Fest offers fun for the family” (May 10)”

<http://www.times-standard.com/general-news/20170513/eureka-festival-celebrates-the-bounty>

**Swarms:** Article by ETS Journalist Heather Shelton entitled “Get Help With Bee Swarms” on Bee Swarms, Swarm Reporting/Recovery (See Eureka Times-Standard

<http://www.times-standard.com/lifestyle/20170520/get-help-with-bee-swarms>