



**HUMBOLDT COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, 2 AUGUST 2016**

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

Time: 6:00 pm

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

Public members present: John Winzler, Brad Woodward, Linnette Woodward

Reference documents: (1) Aug 2, 2016 proposed agenda (2) July 12 2016 Meeting Minutes (3) HCBA By-law document

Action Items:

1. **Review/approve 2 August 2016 Agenda**
 - a. Current meeting agenda (8/2/2016) approved.
2. **Review/approve July 12, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Approved as presented.

Items for Discussion:

3. **Public comment**
 - a. Announcement of a Beekeeping educational event “Bee Day” organized by the Woodward’s with hives at the Carol Sund Center, 4635 Broadway St, Eureka on July 23, 2016, 1:00pm
 - b. Need to coordinate a volunteer hospitality/setup crew for the HCBA General Meetings to help with setting up – first Thursday of each month.

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

- a. As of 30 July 2016, total assets were \$6040.20. Please refer to the HCBA Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for details on HCBA expenditures & balances.
- b. Eureka Natural Foods check is still pending – Ray to bring check to August 2, 2016 General Meeting for presentation to the HCBA membership – Justin Reeve is in contact with Ray to set this up.

5. **Webmaster search update**

Status of establishing new website and alternative HCBA list-serve/forum No progress on this issue yet, (Voted to re-design the website July 2016 Board Meeting), Secretary, Laurie Neville offered to explore alternatives for local website design/contracts and contact Ellen Coates to clarify exactly what her service will include for her bid of \$120.00 (primarily the design change -does not include longterm maintenance/updates). Katharine Almy is able to continue updating the website voluntarily through December 2016.

- 6. Planning for Honey Harvest/ Extraction at Mad River Brewery) – tentative for August 28**
 - a. Discussed details of extraction event, J. Reeve heading up the event and will be the contact for information. He will also provide 12 frame electric extractor and coordinate other equipment. Hot water will be available. Jamie Bucklin will also assist with the event and will provide a table, uncapping bins, uncapping knife, scratchers, trays. Volunteers for the event will be rounded up at the next general meeting. It was suggested that if two or more supers (16-20 frames) are to be extracted, that individuals reserve a time, Walk-ins welcome, but might be put on a waiting list. Secretary L Neville will print up a flyer with a list of suggestions, sign up forms and will post on social media (HCBA Facebook & Yahoo Group)

- 7. Discuss/ plan possible community honey-tasting event**
 - a. It was suggested that the December 2016 Art's Alive community event in Old Town Eureka might be a good venue as it is popular and very well attended, a local business or a place on the plaza would need to be organized, and notice to beekeepers who might want to participate with their honey. Alternatively, Paul at Humboldt Honey Wine (HHW) might be another venue – but the new location is a bit further from the center of the action for December Art's Alive. HHW might be an alternative in general for a public honey-tasting event. This potential public event needs further discussion.

- 8. Confirm topic/speaker for Thursday, 1 September 2016 General Meeting**
 - a. Speaker still pending. But management topic suggested as preparing the apiary for winter.

- 9. Planning for November elections – review process and HCBA ByLaws**
 - a. Nominations will officially be accepted through the month of October, with nominations being accepted on the floor at the November 3, 2016 meeting where the election for offices will be held with the current members present at the meeting. A suggestion made to announce to the members the upcoming election and accept nominations throughout September. It was emphasized again to personally approach individuals to encourage involvement on the Board Office of President (Jamie Bucklin) is officially up for re-election. President will announce upcoming election and (2) open board member positions to encourage people to consider getting involved at upcoming 8/4/2016 general meeting

 - b. Secretary, L Neville requested reviewing the By-laws with respect to redistribution of responsibilities for the office of Secretary. It encompasses two positions at present, duties relative to public relations (PR notices etc) & creative development & another as business secretary. R. Gereck noted that Nina Dunn may still be interested in being a candidate for Secretary or Assistant Secretary. Further discussion on this is needed at next meeting.

- 10. Status of thank you gift for Bee Fest Coordinator Lorna Browne_Jamie - Chris Larson art?)**
 - a. Gift for Lorna has been obtained according to Pres J Bucklin.

- 11. Topics for consideration at next Board Meeting (Tuesday, September 6, 2016)**
 - a. Continue discussion on election process.
 - b. Continue discussion on re-evaluating secretary position and duties
 - c. Possibility of a community honey-tasting event, outside of regular meetings.

General Meeting Report of Thursday, 4 Aug 2016

Location: Humboldt County Department of Agriculture, 5630 South Broadway, Eureka, CA

Number of attendees: 52

Guest Speaker: Elina Nino

Title: "An evening with Elina Lastro Niño"

Extension apiculturist (APIS) and research scientist with the U. C. Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology, Harry H. Laidlaw Honey Bee Research Facility.

Topic:

Dr Nino presented information on education programs, research & extension resources with an emphasis on recent honeybee research and management. The talk was accompanied by slides. Her topics included biological factors that regulate honey bee queen reproduction (with goal to improving queen health and longevity), a current study on splitting and breaking brood cycles, and looking at bio-pesticide effects on varroa.

Speaker contact:

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