



**HUMBOLDT COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, 3 November 2015**

Date: Tuesday, 3 November 2015

Time: 6:30 pm

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

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), Brad Woodward (707 496-9707); Justin Reeve (justinmreeve87@gmail.com)

Board members absent: Melissa Lee Krein (Busymissybee@yahoo.com), Robin Gereck (bizzybawdy@yahoo.com),

Public members present: John Winzler

Reference Documents: 11/3/15 Agenda, 10/1/2015 Board Meeting minutes, Revised HCBA Bylaws (Version 2 Nov 2015)

Action Items

1) Agenda approvals

2) Changes to current 11/3/15 agenda:

- a. Approved with addition of brief discussion of agenda/action items for upcoming Annual Meeting to be held at 11 am on Sat, 14 Nov 2015 at the Humboldt County Department of Agriculture, 5630 Humboldt Hill Road, Eureka

3) Board Meeting Minutes/Report Approvals:

- a. 1 October 2015 minutes approved as submitted

4) Public Comment: See Action Item #5- includes comments from public/HCBA Member J Winzler

5) Treasurer's Report:

The Board requested that a specific 2015 BeeFest budget line item and a profit/loss statement for clarification of line item expenses and net income for the event, as a tool for planning 2016 BeeFest. Treasurer clarified that the Eureka Natural Foods event held in conjunction with BeeFest could be considered part of the profit affiliated with BeeFest; however, on the budget report it is reported as a separate line item event.

6) Policy & Oversight Committee final review of revised Bylaw document (J. Winzler & B. Woodward)

Issues raised:

General membership body voting rights vs. non-voting rights membership status as described in HCBA Bylaws was discussed – Some concern as to the management of a voting “membership” might entail intensive list management to be sure that notification of voting opportunities are adequate. It was suggested that using the Yahoo Group Listserve may be adequate, though it was acknowledged that all members are not registered on the Listserve. It was suggested that if clearly described in the bylaws, this may be able to stand. Considering that the declaration in the revised bylaws states that “voting membership” be described as all members present at a given meeting, with aye/nay voting of the member body would be sufficient. Also, making announcements at general meetings would further facilitate notification of member body. Considering that “Non-membership” Association describes “non-voting” privileges, and “Membership” Association affiliation describes “voting” privileges. The Board elects its own “Chairperson” of the Board.

Currently, based on a “non-voting” membership status, the Board elects the President. And the Board elects its own officers. In the revised bylaw, nominations would be presented at a general meeting, and the members (all present at

that given meeting) vote to elect/nominate a new board member (See Section 2 a-h of the 2 Nov version of the revised/amended bylaws document). This issue is however is still a bit unclear following discussion and requires further clarification as to what this Board prefers: voting vs non-voting membership. Status and final adoption of 2015 amended bylaws.

The Secretary noted that a membership list could be generated from attendance to the general meetings, as well as accessing the Yahoo Group listserv mailing list.

- 7) Proposed agenda topics for the Annual Meeting scheduled for Saturday, Nov 14 2015 at 11 am: to include:**
- a. Review, final clarifications and prepare to approve proposed amended/revised HCBA bylaws (2 November 2015 version)
 - b. Address and identify the process to resolve insurance issue for Association (Board, etc) and events liability
 - c. BeeFest 2016: Status, planning timeline, coordinator(s) and scope for 2016 (Handling funds, vendors, donations, Media/outreach)
 - d. Establish comprehensive events calendar for 2016 (Community events, speakers, workshops, meeting topics)
 - e. Organize 2016 proposed budget considering all proposed events and planning
 - f. Swarm List –
 - i. Clarify management of list and protocols
 - ii. list stating that beekeepers on the list collecting swarms or performing cut-outs are independently contracted by the homeowner for the task, and are not an agent or representative of the HCBA.
 - iii. Other issues
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- i. **Nomination process/current status of board members/officers for 2016** – Reviewed status of current Board members. There is currently one vacant seat on the HCBA Board, since early 2015 when Danielle Donaldson resigned her position on the Board. It was suggested to announce this vacancy at the Nov 3 General meeting to encourage nominations/interest. Also to post announcement of this vacancy on Yahoo List Group and Facebook in early November.

Current status of Board member terms:

| Board Member/post | Year joined Board | Term served | Term remaining/ | End of term |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Jamie Bucklin President | 2014 | 2 years | 1 year | Jan 2017 |
| Janelle Bucklin Treasurer | 2015 | 1 year (2017) | 2 years | Jan 2018 |
| Laurie Neville Secretary (2015) | 2015 | | 2 years | Jan 2018 |
| Brad Woodward | 2014 | | 1 year | Jan 2017 |
| Justin Reeve | 2015 | | 2 years | Jan 2018 |
| Robin Gereck | 2015 | | 2 years | Jan 2018 |

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iii. Action Plan and Budget for 2016 was

- a. It was suggested that this discussion on developing the 2016 Calendar for special events, workshops, meeting topics, and speakers for 2016 general meetings be moved to the Sat, 14 November Annual Meeting as time was limited at this Board meeting.

iv. Board members- Evaluate meeting attendance parameters, dealing with absences, etc.

v. Action items for consideration at next meeting: A draft list of action items for the Saturday 14 November Annual Meeting Agenda was established.