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POLLINATOR TASK FORCE CONSIDERS PROPOSALS AFFECTING BEEKEEPERS

Fred VanNatta

The citizen task force appointed by Governor Kitzhaber to advise the Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Legislature on the protection of pollinators is considering a broad range of options, many of them affecting the use of pesticides and other concerns impacting beekeepers. George Hansen of Foothills Honey Company is the beekeeper serving on the task force.

All are preliminary. None has yet been approved by the task force. When task force recommendations are approved, they are forwarded to the legislature. The legislature will consider them in the 2015 session, convening next February.

Task force proposals affecting beekeepers will be discussed in detail at the annual conference this fall.

Preliminary Task Force Concepts

Options under consideration include the following:

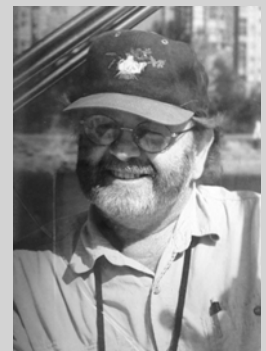
- 1) All bee colonies in Oregon or which enter Oregon shall be registered with the Department of Agriculture.
- 2) The location of beehives will be registered with the Department of Agriculture at all times that the bees are in Oregon.
- 3) The Department of Agriculture will conduct random inspection of hives in Oregon for the purpose of pest and pathogen detection. If an ailing colony is detected, further inspections of nearby hives and other hives of those owners are to be conducted.

The amount of the annual registration fee has not been discussed, nor has the issue of dealing with colony relocation.

REMEMBRANCE: MONTY ROUSE

Gus Rouse

Oregon lost one of its own with the passing of Monty Rouse on August 22. Monty ran bees in Oregon for 40 years. In the late '70s, he had bees in southeast Oregon in Rome and French Glenn—later in Hood River, Baker City, and finally Prineville. He also was the liaison between farmer and beekeeper for Central Oregon Seed Company near Madras. As many beekeepers do, Monty loved his bees. He also loved his wife Jessica and is survived by her and her children, his brother Gus (Captain Cook HI), Sheila Derr (Paradise CA), and Jane Modar (Oakley CA).



Monty helped many young beekeepers get their start. He came from a farming background and always enjoyed his time spent with farmers. He will be missed.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Summer is over and the conference is coming up fast; it promises to be a memorable one. For the last few years we have been able to leverage the speakers brought in by the Master Beekeeper Program to improve and expand the conference. This should be the best one yet! If you haven't been on our website www.orsba.org, we have a link to a separate conference site that will have online registration and details of the program with bios of the speakers. Please take a few minutes to check it out. There will be a wealth of information there with updates, any changes, hotels, etc. That is all I will say about the conference as there is plenty information on the website and Dr. Caron's articles.

Besides the benefit to our conference, I would like to mention how much the Master Beekeeper Program is benefiting the OSBA in general. We have been able to develop a broad base of new and old beekeepers that are much more knowledgeable of the needs of their bees. The training provided helps to minimize the confusion that is prevalent with those who look to the Internet for answers. The Master Beekeeper Program makes sure that everyone involved is taught based on factual data and debunks the misleading information that is so prevalent. The program ties us even tighter to Oregon State University as they are directing it and we are providing much of the manpower. It allows us to reach out to new people, benefit from their expertise, desire to contribute, and their enthusiasm. This makes us a more-diverse organization, which benefits us all. We are also seeing a growing interest of the Master Beekeeper Program members wanting to get involved with the OSBA by volunteering and offering to help out in any way. We have seen this benefit our State Fair effort, technology support for the officers, help with our website, accounting expertise, and other help I am just learning about, most of which has come out of the Master Beekeeper Program. In many ways this has been a pleasant surprise. I was initially suspecting that it would only be another way to get a certificate to hang on the wall. But I have seen an in-depth program develop that is taken very seriously and is really improving beekeeping in Oregon.

Enjoy your fall and see you at the conference.

Take care and be safe!

Paul

OSBA BOARD MEETING MINUTES*

August 16, 2014

President Paul Andersen called the meeting called to order at 1:02 PM.

Attendees: Mureen Walker, Terry Fullan, Jordan Dimock, Robert Lee Allen, Bill Catherall, Katherine Hunt, Harry Vanderpool, Liz Lovelock, Matt Allen, Paul Maresh, Joe Maresh, Paul Andersen, Dewey Caron, Bunny Cramer-Carter.

REPORTS

Treasurer

Dr. Royce was unable to attend. Paul will ask Lynn to follow up with an email update.

OMB

Rita Ostrofsky indicated there are still more apprentice-level applicants than mentors. Last Saturday, August 9,

*Note: Printed as submitted.

was the Mentor Training Day at the OSU Apiary. Three beekeepers took their Journey-level hive tests. Scores not out yet. The program is still growing.

Grant

Jan Lohman was not able to attend but sent email update. The grant will only cover expenses through August 2015. This year's conference is the final spending and we do not have any idea at this time what the expenses are for the Bee Institute and Conference that the grant will pay but there is \$4,700 left in our travel budget which started at \$5,180.

The state still owes \$13,000 to OSBA. The balance remaining on the Grant is \$21,304.

Tech Team

Everyone participating in the Tech Team has been sampled twice. The team hopes to continue for three years. The team is starting to look for trends with the second sample. One part of the second sample is the Nosema levels. The Nosema sampling is unclear with the results becoming more and more obscure.

Web Report

The OSBA website is changing hosts. The webmasters are holding off until State Fair is over. The move will provide better hosting at a lower cost. The charges for the new host will be \$73.00 a year. The charges for the current host are over \$200.00 per year. Currently, the Website is averaging 1400 site visits per month. The sign up for working the State Fair is working well.

Bee Line

No report for the *Bee Line*. Rosanna was unable to attend.

Regulatory Report

HB 4139 Save Oregon's Pollinators Act. The task force has been meeting and the task force is committed to working together. The task force is made up of Chair Ramesh Sagili – Assistant Professor, Dept of Horticulture, OSU. With other members including Scott Dahlman – Oregon for Food & Shelter, Betsy Earls – Assoc. Oregon Industries, George Hansen - Beekeeper, Rich Little – OSU Master Beekeeper, Aimee Code – Xerces Society, Christy Splitt – Oregon Environmental Council, Jeff Stone – Oregon Assoc. of Nurseries, Senator Chuck Thomsen, Representative Jeff Reardon.

It is possible to watch the meetings at: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/201311/Committees/TFPH/Overview> – The meeting times are listed on the right of the screen, just click on the little black arrow to watch.

Regional Reps and Club Presidents

Harry Vanderpool – **N. Willamette Valley** Rep. – Reported that the North Valley has one of the lowest swarm years on record. People on the swarm list didn't get called. Jordan Dimock and Katharine Hunt also stated low swarm incidences in their areas.

Mureen Walker – **South Coast** Rep. – That area seemed to have a lot of swarms. Calls started in February. Their booth was well received at the county fair. They have been focusing on queen rearing. There have been classes on non-grafting queen rearing.

Katharine Hunt, **Lane County Beekeepers**, Pres. – Their fair was in July. Small number of honey entries. They urged people to enter the State Fair competition. Beekeepers liked the idea of central pickup locations but did not like the no return delivery.

Lane County Beekeepers are working the booth on the first day of the State Fair. They have had inquiries from the City of Springfield, OR, regarding beekeeping in the city limits. They expect a lot of testimony.

Terry Fullan, **North Coast** Rep. – Beautiful summer. Beekeepers are waiting to pull honey because the Knotweed

is blooming. Many beekeepers moving their hives into Knotweed. North Coast Conservancy is moving to buy another piece of land in Nehalem. The Conservancy is forward thinking and working with lumber companies on land preservation.

Bob Allen, **Tillamook County Beekeepers** – Beekeepers aren't pulling a lot of honey. Bee health is good.

Jordan Dimock, **Eastern Oregon** Rep. – Nuc Sales are going up. A hardware store sold nucs for \$145.00 (4 or 5 frames) and they sold out. But the beekeepers aren't doing well because there was no training. They are helping a lot of new beekeepers.

Beekeepers from the Dakotas and Eastern Montana are having a good year. In Eastern Oregon the drought is stressing the Alfalfa making the blooms better for the bees.

Joe Maresh, **Portland Metro Beekeepers Assn**, Pres. – North Willamette Valley experienced an early bloom and it was over fast. Moved bees to a higher location.

George Hansen to speak at the August meeting. The topic is getting ready for winter.

Bill Catherall, **Portland Urban Beekeepers**, VP – Good season for beekeepers. The problems have been with Portland changing permit requirements for beekeeping in Portland. The new rules are arbitrary and go above and beyond what is necessary. There is a meeting with the City and County Attorneys to try and work out the problems. The City of Portland seems more open but Portland pays Multnomah County to enforce and they currently require signatures from everyone within 150 ft. There have also been reports of neighbors withholding signatures until they have received favors. The City of Gresham may be changing their rules to a more positive stance.

Liz Lovelock – **John Day River Beekeepers**, Pres. – Established the club last August. Trying to meld everyone together from the area. The club participated in the County Fair and added 15 more members. There were two honey entries in the fair. They are hosting a field day this fall. Their goal is to develop a sense of beekeeper education. They would like to help people and save heartache.

Paul Maresh, **Cascadia Queen Breeders**, Chair – Everyone is very busy. They will have their annual meeting in November or December. At the spring workshop they had several donated queens. Some were mated and some were not. They are tracking their progress. The members of Cascadia Queen Breeders are starting to step up to being commercial. Several are getting established with good records of lineage and traits on the queens.

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☞ 2014 Annual Conference ☞

Oregon State Beekeepers Association

November 6–8, 2014
Seaside Civic and Convention Center
415 First Avenue, Seaside, Oregon 97138

Individual and Family Registration

Name: _____ Date: _____
 Company: _____
 Address: _____
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| Event | | | Cost |
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| Thursday Night Hospitality Room | | | Complimentary |
| Full Conference | Individual - \$140 Family - \$175 | | \$ |
| Friday Conference Only | Individual - \$90 Family - \$110 | | \$ |
| Saturday Conference Only | Individual - \$90 Family - \$110 | | \$ |
| Friday Research Luncheon ¹ | \$25 per Person | Number Attending: _____ | \$ |
| Friday Banquet | \$45 per Person | Number Attending: _____ | \$ |
| Donation to Research Fund ² | | | \$ |
| Annual OSBA Dues | \$40 per Person | Number: _____ | \$ |
| Total Cost | | | \$ |

Please make check **payable to OSBA** and mail with this completed registration form, **postmarked no later than October 24**, to: Bunny Cramer-Carter, P.O. Box 779, Stayton, Oregon 97383.

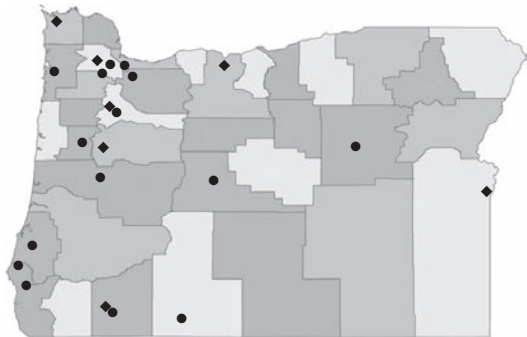
Note: Hotel reservations are not included in these costs. Special rates are available at the Best Western Ocean View Resort (800.234.8439), the Rivertide Suites (503.717.1100), and the Inn at Seaside (800.699.5070). Be sure to ask for the **Beekeepers Conference** special room rate when you make your reservation.

¹The Friday Research Luncheon is limited to the first 150 registrants. For Saturday's lunch, please enjoy your meal at one of the local establishments of your choice.

²The Oregon State Beekeepers Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Your donation is tax deductible as allowed by law. Please consult your accountant for details.

Note: It's now possible to register with payment by credit card. To do so, please visit: www.orsba.org.

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(6:30 PM hands-on demo at SOBA hives thru bee season)

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REGIONAL NEWS

Regional Representatives

South Coast

All seems quiet on the SW front. We are eager to hear about representation at the Oregon State Fair and hope that more of us will be able to attend the annual conference in Seaside this year. The mentor day at OSU was absolutely excellent. What a perfect blend of programming, sharing, and networking. One of the techniques demonstrated is setting the entire upper hive box on the table on its side with the frames vertical. Not only is it a handy way to set it aside and make it easy to see whether there are any queen cells on the bottom, but it is also an excellent way to scrape all the burr comb downward, off the frame bottoms.

Carla Fletcher, president of Oregon South Coast Beekeepers reports: "The 'drought' year of near 60" rather than 80-90" in our area has been a favorable year for the bees. The Survivor Queen Breeding Project has made steps forward and has seen some impressive queens. We are looking forward to expanding the project further in the spring. There has been a report that the black feral bees, *pirates*, have expanded from Gold Beach to Brookings (southward)."

Wayne Berry, OSCBA secretary, reports that Albert says that he is "happy with Carla's blue queen. She seems to be stirring up the workers in a good way. They're bringing in lots of stuff..." Patti Strain and Jane Oku of the club in Coos County, CCBA, report: "Not a word"—except potluck at the September meeting. Myrna and Del Barber have reported that they will not be going for the current year, Peace Corps approval pending a longer period of proving freedom from any sort of health challenges. Meanwhile, in Nevada, they are actively participating in promoting honey bee health and information, along with colony and disease management. The most recent swarm mitigation plea turned out to be yellow jackets in the heather bush near the front door, said to be increasing rapidly and someone was sure she saw pollen on the legs of one of them. Should we be asking for cell phone photos?

My Russian bees live up to their name every time I open the hive, rushin' at me, and head-butting everything around, hitting the metal covers of their neighbors so hard it sounds like a hailstorm in a barn with a metal roof. Shigeo and Jane Oku say that their Russians are gentle. I must be needing a more ladylike Russian queen.
—Mureen Walker

Southern Oregon

Crispy. In a word, that is how you can describe Southern Oregon at the moment. Earlier this summer the Associated

Press released a story titled, "California Drought Stings Bees, Honey Supplies." Although we play host to a variety of climates, the "State of Jefferson" encompasses both Northern Cali and Southern Oregon, and they seem to be sharing their weather with us. Gene Brandi, VP of ABF and California beekeeper, is reporting a crop that is 90 percent smaller than years past. His jar of sage honey in my cupboard just got a whole lot more valuable!

Although it is hot, dry, and crispy here, conditions inside the beehive are just as varied as our ecoregion. This is the time when beekeepers stand out from the beekeepers. Some beekeepers have opted to move their hives north for a better chance at natural forage and to provide them access to the magical and illusive (in these parts) Rabbitbrush, a shrubby Great Basin flower that provides life-giving high-density nutrients for winter bees. Other beekeepers have developed intensive feeding regimens, combining syrup recipes (that vary from HFCS to biodynamic bee "tea") with protein fed in a combination of forms from free-for-all powder to secret-family-recipe patties.

The crispified landscape also makes way for Varroa to really dig their "teeth" in. The added stressors of heat, lack of water, and dried flower bouquets dotting the hills make our girls (and boys) more susceptible to the Varroa themselves, as well as the diseases they carry. Those who monitor their mite populations and treat when the economic threshold is surpassed have bees that are chubbier, fuzzier, busier, and more prepared for winter.

I would LOVE to never have to put a miticide or syrup supplement in my hive ever again. But with these Southern Oregon weather conditions, I aim to be a beekeeper, not a bee reaper. Think of it this way, imagine you work a demanding job outdoors; perhaps a brick mason (worker bee)? Your body is stressed already, and then top that with a pay cut and a large family to feed, so you only eat French fries for a couple of months (drought). OUCH! You got bit by a tick (Varroa mite)! But not just any tick, one carrying Lyme disease (DWV & IAPV). This experience would undoubtedly inspire you to supplement your diet with some better vitamins, minerals, fats, amino acids, etc. (syrup and protein sub), as well as apply some sort of bug repellent (mite treatment) on you and your family in the future. Because now, you see, it's a matter of life and death.

—Sarah Red-Laird

Regional Associations

John Day River Beekeepers

After a warmer than average summer, the John Day River area is starting to cool off and feel like fall. We had a great time at the Grant County Fair in early August. Our booth

included an observation hive, photos, and lots of other available information. The observation hive was a huge hit, especially with the kids, several of which came to see us every day, bringing their friends and having a great time trying to spot the queen. Our mailing list doubled over the course of fair week; there are a lot of people interested in bees.

We are planning a fall open-hive day September 20th to talk about hive weight and strength going into winter. We will also demonstrate how to sample for mites and combine weak hives.

—Matt Allen

Klamath Basin Beekeepers

Autumn is arriving in the Klamath Basin and with that Klamath Basin Beekeepers are harvesting honey and preparing their bees for winter. This summer has been dry, but many beekeepers are reporting fair harvests. Weather in September is variable, so harvesting honey, getting hives ready for winter, making sure stores are adequate, checking and treating for mites, and cleaning equipment for winter storage are all tasks to be completed.

Members involved in the Oregon Master Beekeeping course have participated in two field days at their mentors' homes. Katharina Davitt and Doug Youngberg have provided valuable teaching, skills, and beekeeping practice throughout the course. Participants are in the final stage of the course, having completed spring and summer checklists, and now are completing the fall and winter requirements. These beekeeping students report having had a great experience in the program.

KBBA held our annual member and family picnic at Malin Park in July. Tri-tip and chicken with potluck sides were enjoyed by all who attended. In August the topic for discussion at the regular meeting was mites: all about mites, mite treatments, and how to do a mite count. Members shared philosophies for treatment and discussed the merits of alternative methods. The September meeting will be small group discussions addressing several topics for successful beekeeping.

—Cathy Vick

Lane County Beekeepers

Our past president, Judy Scher, gave a great presentation about Fall and Winter Management at our August meeting. If you are interested, you can view it on our club website.

We have a great club made up of backyard as well as sideliners and commercial beekeepers. At the moment we have over 200 members with an average of 100 attending our monthly meetings. I think the magic of our success as a club is the level of involvement. Such opportunities include helping at the County and State fairs, Eugene Good Earth & Home Show, speaking to community clubs and school

classes as well as our annual Bee School and GloryBee's Bee Day. Another way to contribute time and effort to the club is as an officer or member of the board. We hold our elections in November.

LCBA members have been busy volunteering in different communities including Cottage Grove. Francis Rothauge who also serves on the club board spoke at the annual Cottage Grove Exposition in August. Also in August LCBA hosted a day at the State Fair OSBA Booth. A big thank you goes out to club member Dewey Caron as well as Mike Harrington, Max Kuhn, Gary Morgan, Ken Phillips, Francis Rothauge, Barbara Elliot, and James & Adelle Platt.

—Katharine Hunt

Portland Metro Beekeepers

With about 55 people present, club president Joe Maresh opened the meeting with a board proposal to contribute \$2,000 to the OSU research program under Dr. Ramesh Sagili, and the club voted yes.

This last month the club had a day's presence at both the Clackamas County Fair and the Oregon State Fair with club members answering questions. Tom Chester represented the club at the annual Small Farms School. Thanks, Tom!

One of our high school age beekeepers, Zane Minzlaff, won "best of show" and a blue ribbon for his honey at the Oregon State Fair this year. Our club will be paying for his and his father Mark's tuition to the annual beekeepers conference in Seaside as a thank you for his work. In addition, the club held a drawing and awarded three other beekeepers the tuition for this same conference.

Our primary presentation today was by George Hansen on preparing hives for the winter. George and his wife own Foothills Honey and host our annual Bee Day. He was able to get a lot of information across in a brief time and did it with great humor and insight. Thank you, George! Next month we plan to have more information about fall and winter issues. In addition, in December we are planning a workshop on making bee equipment at home.

—Paul Jarrett

Portland Urban Beekeepers

As of this writing, PUB members have been enjoying a nice Indian summer in a repeat of last year's September weather. Also, like last year, yellow jackets have found themselves set up in perfect condition to steal and rob our apiaries.

At PUB's September meeting, Jenai Fitzpatrick, a master's student working on her degree at Portland State University, presented a fascinating update on the 2014 survey data. The survey questions were expanded this year to gather a great deal of additional information, rather than just typical loss rates as gathered in years past. Jenai is slicing and dicing the survey results and using GIS mapping in a

pilot program to create information, rather than just data. Her focus is on the urban hives in the Portland area and mapping the location of apiaries as a starting point, then using beekeeping methods, bee sources, loss rates, treatment data, experience, etc. to try to understand factors that affect loss rates. She is also crossing data with the Portland parks and urban forestry department's tree inventory project to map every tree in the Portland city proper, an ambitious project on its own. This additional data will help to create seasonal forage mapping to add as another variable into the survey data. All of these variables will be built on in future surveys to develop an enviable source of apiculture information that will allow Portland beekeepers to make strategic decisions in managing their apiaries, unique in the entire world.

Steve Cohen, Manager of Food Policy and Programs at the city of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability presented an update on the planned Multnomah County enforcement changes to the beekeeping permit program. The county has been receiving a great deal of pressure to make changes to the enforcement program. The very low permit numbers compared to the known number of apiaries pointed to a real problem with the current process. With the notification requirement, the steps to get permitted were not worth the effort for many beekeepers and an unintended consequence created a climate of potential discrimination. Changes proposed include eliminating the permission process for a notification process. Beekeepers will need to sign an affidavit agreeing to notify all neighbors within 150 feet of the center of their property. Another proposed change is to increase the fees substantially, something that will need to go to the Portland City Council for final approval. Many are trying to figure out how the county can justify this significant tax increase and what benefit or return they will be see from the county by an increased fee structure.

—Michael Carlson

KEEPING BEES IN OCTOBER

Harry Vanderpool

As the leaves change color in October, so does our bee work change in the fall. Our goal is to have hive work done before the 15th, if possible. We still have time in early October to make some last-minute decisions affecting our colonies.

- ❖ Light colonies can be fed syrup saturated syrup until daily temperatures drop into the 40s.
- ❖ Mite sampling in hives randomly selected is a wise utilization of time. In some years, a fall “mite clean-

up” is required after evaluating these last-minute tests. One clean-up method, preferred by many, is to feed syrup that has had its pH lowered slightly.


- ❖ No reason at this time for pesticides or miticides, just feed, prepared in the same manner as your tea when you add a squeeze of lemon. This syrup is fed to the bees by trickling a measured amount onto the bees between each frame. While the bees get fed, the mites in the phoretic stage rinse off the bees and perish instantly. This method is safe, clean, affordable—and green. There is no residue and nothing to remove from the hive. For more information: www.scientificbeekeeping.com. Click on *Varroa Management*, and then scroll to material on *Oxalic Acid*.

- ❖ We believe that hives overwintered in Oregon fare much better with adequate ventilation. Our last look under the lids in late October is when we pop each lid, scrape the propolis ring from the lid and top box, and then lay a couple of twigs on top of the upper box to the inside of the pallet. With the lids back in position, the pallet is covered with a sheet of 35# roofing felt to shed the rain, snow, and frost for the cold, cold winter ahead.

- ❖ All entrance reducers are removed and replaced with 1/2-inch hardware-cloth mouse guards. This increases ventilation and reduces the incidence of blockages at the entrance.

- ❖ If you find a need to make combines, remember to safely store the remaining equipment and treat with paradichlorobenzene moth crystals. Do not use naphthalene moth balls!

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- 10:00 AM–5:00 PM **Oregon Master Beekeeper Institute**
- 4:00–5:00 PM **OSBA Executive Committee Meeting**
- 5:00–9:00 PM **Registration**
- 7:00 PM **Social with Light Snacks**
- Movie** (“MORE THAN HONEY”) TO FOLLOW

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 8:00 AM–5:00 PM **Registration**
- 8:30 AM–3:00 PM **Bee School**
THOM TRUSEWICZ, *OREGON BEEKEEPER*
- 8:30 AM–4:00 PM **Silent Auction**
- 8:30 AM **Welcome**
PAUL ANDERSEN, *OSBA PRESIDENT*
- 8:45 AM **Drivers of Bee Colony Declines & Losses**
DENNIS VANENGELSDORP, *UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND*
- 9:00 AM–4:00 PM **Open Bee Lab, OSU BRING SAMPLES OR DROP IN TO VIEW/ASK QUESTIONS**
- 9:30 AM **Break**
- 10:00 AM **Entries to Honey Show Due**
- 10:00 AM **Update on Current Bee Research & Extension Activities at Oregon State University**
RAMESH SAGILI, *OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY*
- 11:00 AM **Resin to Propolis: Plant Sources- Effects on Bee Health**
MARLA SPIVAK, *UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA*
- 11:45 AM **Research Luncheon**
STEVE SHEPPARD, *WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY*
- 1:15 PM **10 Rules for Modern Beekeeping**
KIM FLOTTUM, *EDITOR, BEE CULTURE*
- 2:00 PM **How to Become a Millionaire, and Other Beekeeping Secrets**
GEORGE HANSEN, *PAST PRESIDENT, AMERICAN BEEKEEPING FEDERATION*
- 2:45 PM **Break**
- 3:15 PM **Predicting and Managing Pesticide Risks to Bees**
PAUL JEPSON, *OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY*
- 4:00 PM **Update on Oregon Master Beekeeper Program**
CAROLYN BREECE, *OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY BEE LAB*
- 4:15 PM **General Membership Meeting**
- 6:00 PM **Social Hour/Banquet/Auction**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 88:00–11:00 AM **Registration****JOINT SESSIONS**

- 8:15 AM **Washington State University Honey Bee Research & Genetic Repository Update**
STEVE SHEPPARD, *WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY*
- 8:15 AM **Tree Bee Hives**
LYNN ROYCE, *OREGON STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION TREASURER*
- 9:00 AM–4:00 PM **Open Bee Lab, OSU BRING SAMPLES OR DROP IN TO VIEW/ASK QUESTIONS**
- 9:00 AM **University of Minnesota Bee Squad Program**
MARLA SPIVAK, *UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA*
- 9:00 AM **Old World Honey Bee Populations: A Genetic Resource for US Honey Bee Breeding**
MEGAN TAYLOR, *WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY*
- 9:45 AM **Break**
- Queen Bee Informed Partnership Working Directly with Beekeepers**
- 10:15 AM **BIP: Management Practices that Work and Those that Don't**
DENNIS VANENGELSDORP, *UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND*
- 11:00 AM **Bee Informed Partnership Oregon State University: Update from Bee Informed Pacific Northwest Tech Transfer Team**
ELLEN TOPITZHOFFER & DAN WYNS, *BEE INFORMED PARTNERSHIP, OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY*
- Connecting Bees and People**
- 10:15 AM **Connecting with Kids & Communities Across the Globe**
SARAH RED-LAIRD, *BEE GIRL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*
- 11:00 AM **On the Radar**
KIM FLOTTUM, *EDITOR, BEE CULTURE MAGAZINE*
- 11:45 AM **Lunch** (IN AND AROUND SEASIDE)
- Queens—The Key to Success**
Co-Sponsored by Cascadia Queen Breeders
- 1:15 PM **On Our Way—Incorporating Diversity into Queen Stock & Fitness Selection**
JOHN JACOB, *SOUTHERN OREGON QUEEN BREEDER/BEEKEEPER*
- 2:00 PM **How to Locally Rear Selected-Stock Queens**
DEWEY CARON, *OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY*

| CONCURRENT SESSION | |
|--------------------|---|
| 1:15 PM | Colony-Level Prevalence and Intensity of Gut Parasite, <i>Nosema ceranae</i> Investigating Effects of Colony Nutrition on <i>Nosema</i> Infection Persistence CAMERON JACK, OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY BEE LAB |
| 2:00 PM | Making Sense of Honey Bee Pheromones JUDY SCHER, EUGENE BEEKEEPER |
| 2:45 PM | Break |
| 3:15 PM | Honey Bee Expert Panel (TOPIC TO BE ANNOUNCED) MODERATED BY DEWEY CARON, OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY |
| 4:00 PM | Closing |

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Bunny Cramer-Carter, **Willamette Valley Beekeepers**, VP – Our new website, wvbahive.org, is open. It is still under construction and we cannot Thank Erin Olmon enough for all her hard work. We shared our summer picnic with Linn-Benton Beekeepers. The picnic was held at the OSU Apiary with approximately 80 people attending. Our September speaker will be Dewey Caron.

Paul Andersen, **Tualatin Valley Beekeepers**, Secretary. – Held their BBQ and picnic. They showed examples of hive inspections, analysis of the inspections and harvested honey for people to see.

State Fair – As of August 15 there were 20 entries. Judging was held on August 16, 2014. The Oregon State Beekeepers Booth has increased from two booths to four booths. This year there was no charge for booth space. With the coming management changes in Oregon State Fair management, it is unknown if there will be charge for booth space next year. The booth planning committee is very careful with spending the \$1500.00 budgeted for the fair. But there have been some out of pocket expenses. One of the new items is a larger banner which can be used for conference.

Seven of the ten days of volunteers for the booth are covered by individual clubs. Each day the booth shifts are covered by a club there will be a sign with thanks to that club.

Oregon Legislative Task Force – Ramesh cautioned that they are making recommendations only. The legislature may or may not act on the recommendations.

On the Federal level the Highways BEE Act has been introduced. BEE stands for Bettering the Economy and Environment Act. This Act is designed to help create habitat, forage and migratory corridors for pollinators.

2014 Fall Conference – Plans are coming along nicely.

The dates are November 6th to November 8th. The fall conference registration form will be in the next *Bee Line*. The three outside speakers are: Marla Spivak, Dennis vanEngelsdorp and Kim Flottum.

Bee Informed – The Pacific Northwest Tech Team has finished the second round of testing. Everyone is waiting for results.

Over 307 people participated in 2013 Winter Loss Survey. Three years of loss data will be published soon.

Storage Room – Our new storage is 10 x 10. Trevor Riches was able to set up the monthly charges for less than originally agreed upon. The cost is half price which is 60% less than what was budgeted.

NEW BUSINESS

Bookkeeper – Rene Alexander has volunteered to help Lynn Royce take over the QuickBooks part of bookkeeping. Rene is willing to drive to Lynn's in order to do this and she has started already.

Nominations – Harry Vanderpool asked who is going to run for the 2015 Board. Dewey Caron will not be re-running for Vice President.

Research Funds – There are research funds to distribute and the board needed to make a recommendation that will be voted on at the Seaside Conference. The funds to be distributed are: Auction Income – \$15,868, Raffle – \$290, Donations – \$2,078.

The Raffle – \$290 automatically goes to Ramesh and the Bee Lab. The Auction Income – \$15,868 was discussed. A distribution recommendation needed to be made to the general membership at Conference in Seaside. The discussion is to distribute between OSU and WSU. Jordan Dimock made the motion to donate 85% to OSU and 15% to WSU. Paul Maresh seconded the motion. The motion passed and the recommendation will be presented at the Seaside Convention to the General Membership.

Sandy Bee Kill – Dewey reported there had been seven in total. One in Washington County and six in the Sandy/Estacada Area. They were all discovered within two days of each other.

PMS & CCD started this way. They had disease and evidence of beekeeper neglect. Tried to advise feeding but it didn't help because the bees would not stay in the boxes. All of the sudden 7/8 of the population was dead and the hives didn't rebound when fed. Two hives were put back in their boxes and they absconded. Weather records were researched and the incidents occurred in late spring dearth.

The State chemists were directed to look for 39 pesticides.

The sample wasn't sent to the USDA labs for testing. These labs test for 179 chemicals. This was the first time the ODA tested. They had to set up the lab and protocols. Dewey will be doing a workshop for the pesticide testers of ODA in August.

2015 Oregon Conference – The dates are November 5-7, 2015. The conference will be held at the Oregon Garden in Silverton. There are 103 rooms available on site at Oregon Garden. Eighteen rooms in Silverton. Silverton is 10 minutes from Salem. Organizers expect a lot of commuters.

Honey Bee Health Coalition – This is a Keystone think tank. This coalition has the skills to stop the shouting and have everyone work together. They are not asking for any money. Presently, supporting the coalition would mean attending the meetings and having it on record that OSBA is supporting the coalition.

There was discussion and concern about voicing support for chemical companies and groups previously at odds with beekeepers. Several board members stated the importance of putting ourselves out there and OSBA can remove our voice later, but we need to have the dialog now. They felt it was in the best interest of Oregon Beekeeping to at least try. It was also felt that if OSBA said No, we would not

have another chance to state our concerns.

Jordan Dimock made the motion to record in OSBA records that we support the Honey Bee Coalition. Paul Andersen seconded the motion. The motion carried to support the Honey Bee Coalition.

CPA Service – The CPA services have done a good job organizing the accounts for tax purposes. This is important because 503K and 503-31 accounts are being scrutinized much closer by the IRS. The cost is all inclusive, it is not per visit.

Donation of Funds from Clubs for Research – There are a number of accounts that people and clubs can donate to for research. OSBA can make recommendations to regional clubs where they can donate funds. The OSBA match is still \$500.00 from the general fund. Paul Andersen will send out information on donating to the clubs.

The motion was made by Harry Vanderpool to adjourn. Jordan Dimock seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 3:44 PM.

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October 21–23: 14th Annual North American Pollinator Protection Campaign International Conference, Washington, DC. Information: pollinator.org/nappc/conference.

October 25, 9 AM–5 PM: Workshop with Michael Bush, *The Practical Beekeeper*. Farm Bureau Building, 975 Carpenter Rd NW, Olympia. \$40. Preregister/Send to Olympia Beekeepers, PO Box 732, Olympia WA 98507. Information: LMPCarl@gmail.com.

November 6–8: OSBA Fall Conference. Seaside Civic and Convention Center, Seaside OR. Information: www.orsba.org along with newsletter.

November 15: Oregon Honey Festival/Celebrating Bees, Honey and Almonds. Ashland Springs Hotel, Ashland OR. Information: www.oregonhoneyfestival.com.

November 17, 7:30 PM: Mark Winston reading/signing *Bee Time: Lessons From the Hive*. Powell's Books on Hawthorne, Portland OR. Information: http://winstonhive.com/?page_id=164.

November 18–20: California State Beekeepers Association Convention. Hyatt Regency, Valencia CA. Information: www.californiastatebeekeepers.com.

December 4–5. Idaho Honey Association Meeting, Boise ID. Information: Rick Waitley, 208.888.0988, rick@amgidaho.com.

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