



## LACBA MINUTES

### **Board Meeting [May 30, 2022]**

Discussed the June general meeting agenda and a few club meeting issues at hand including a family event at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center.

### **General Meeting [June 6, 2022]**

Social hour: Members logged in for open visiting time 6:40-7:00 p.m and enjoyed friendly discussions about our bees and having another get-together in the San Fernando Valley this year, maybe in October.

#### **1. Welcome & Roll Call of Executive Board**

Kevin Heydmen welcomed new members including beekeepers experienced and new.

#### **2. Guest Speaker**

Charlene introduced Dr. Britteny Kyle. She graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College in 2009. Upon graduation she entered small animal practice in Toronto where she worked as an associate for several years, before switching her focus to honey bee medicine. She was elected to the board of the Honey Bee Veterinary Consortium in 2019 and served as President of the organization in 2020. Her projects for the Consortium have included chairing the annual conference and developing a certification program for veterinarians interested in working with honey bees. In the Fall of 2020, she returned to the Ontario Veterinary College to earn her Masters in Epidemiology with a focus on American foulbrood. In 2021 she began her PhD in Epidemiology with a collaborative specialization in One Health to continue studying American foulbrood in honey bee populations. When she is not studying bees, Britteny is busy maintaining her small zoo of three boys, two cats, one dog, and a handful of honey bee colonies.

You can find the recording of her topic from tonight, *Honey Bee Health from a Veterinarian's Perspective*, for 30 days linked here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jRD8XxQZLSEhObO3kovRePvgT8S2e4Oo/view?usp=sharing>

#### **3. President's Report: Kevin Heydman**

We have donation money available! We discussed options such as: Various southern California groups, the Bee Informed Partnership, Theodore Payne (water conservation and California-friendly landscape), and Bees Beyond Borders. Maybe sponsoring some of our members to represent in the CSBA meetings to have a bigger voice at the state level. Scholarships for young beekeepers with Jeremy Husk.

Next year is our 150-year anniversary 1873 - what would we like to do to celebrate. New banner! PARTY?

#### 4. Chat Monitor

#### 5. Vice President's Report: Charlene Potter

#### 6. Committee Reports

a. Secretaries' Reports: Jared Stone and Catt Stine

Catt discussed A Day in Nature event at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center and initiated the conversation to get this event going. Jay helped set up the signup sheet for volunteers to help Mary Landau at the event. We also nailed down Dave Williams' observation hive.

Shirts and patches are for sale, Dave Williams will have them at the next Beekeeping 101. Bring \$20, cash preferred!

Jared wondered if anyone would like to talk about bees at a rotary meeting in Pacific Palisades in SoCal. Andrew may be perfect. A great plan to meet people with property to place bees there!

Honey extractors: Jared and Catt are putting together a list of members, contact preferences, and their location for loan out.

b. Treasurer's Report: Jon Reese

Jon shared that they did really incredible this year at the fair (about \$46,000), exact figures are coming, but it was much better than previous years. \$131 from Amazon Smile alone! Nucs are coming once data is finalized between both events (Zoo and LA Fair).

c. Membership Report: Cheryl Thiele

A few more membership sign-ups, mainly due to Beekeeping 101.

d. Web and online services report: Jeff Laun

e. Facebook report: Holly Hawk

f. Bylaws revision committee report: Dave Williams, El Rey Enschede, Holly Hawk

g. Slack report: Michael Pusateri

h. County Fair Report: Cindy Caldera

Cindy praised all the volunteers for helping at the LA County Fair Bee Booth this year. A lot of repeat customers have come up to her and let her know they are always learning so many different things about bees and that they were so proud of our very professional booth and organization. Fantastic job, everyone!! There was also a pig escapee on the run that flipped over a security guard! Manny, Cindy - the fair would not be this amazing without you.

They are also requesting a tablet for taking payments, increasing donations!

Dave Williams' hive and queen were praised and very popular!

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i. Speakers' Committee Update: Charlene and Barbara

July's speaker will be C. Marina Marchese, is a beekeeper, author, and member of the Italian National Register of Experts in the Sensory Analysis of Honey. Her topic is: Introduction to Evaluating Honey Using Sensory Analysis Techniques (Honey Tasting Protocol)

If anyone has any suggestions for guest speakers, email [lacba.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:lacba.secretary@gmail.com) or email from the contact us page on the LACBA website.

j. Education report: Mary Landau (Edu. Committee) and Andrew Morrison (Bee Tea)

The Pollinator Celebration event was wonderful. Mary mentioned that Dave Williams and Steve Savage were an incredible help at this event. One of the kindergarten classes that she and Dave spoke to created a thank you banner and did a recycling drive to which they donated their raised funds! They have filled half of their requests for presentations.

k. Beekeeping 101: Cheryl Thiele & Keith Roberts

Yes, volunteers and newbies, bring your equipment—we will be harvesting honey and talking about mites.

The classes are held February through October, on the second Sunday from 9 until about noon. It is never too late to start! You can sign up at this link, <https://www.losangelescountybeekeepers.com/beekeeping-class-101>, or get on The Valley Hive's email newsletter from their website.

l. Members-at-large report: El Rey Ensich and Jay Weiss

Jay shared a wonderful video of Mary Landau and her team's hard work at the Pollinator Celebration at Women's 20th Century Club in Eagle Rock. There was a gorgeous display of interactive and playful art surrounding the event. Well done! Way to raise the bar!!

El Rey talked about his volunteering and observations at the LA Fair.

## 7. Q&A

Nicoli had an emergency trying to get Holly to re-home her bees, solved with Holly, great problem-solving!

## 8. Next Meetings

Executive Meeting: June 27 at 7 pm via Zoom

General Meeting: July 11 at 7 pm via Zoom

Beekeeping 101: July 10 at 9 am (Suit up!) Location: 8910 Mikuni Ave, Northridge, CA 91324

Bee Tea: July 18 at 7 pm, with Education Committee following at 8 pm via Zoom

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