



## LACBA MINUTES

### Board Meeting [October 28, 2024]

- We had a productive board meeting covering these bullets:
  - December Party
  - Year-End Elections: Talked about the nominees that came in so far.
  - CIBER conference: No one knew where the after party was, lol.
  - ABF: Jay signed up and is attending in January, in Reno!
  - Tree will be having her sale again this weekend November 2-3. Mary Ann is going to help set up
  - Golden Hive Tool discussions - two plaques - one large to borrow and a small one to keep. Jon will take care of the plaques

### General Meeting [November 4, 2024]

Social hour: Members logged in for open visiting time 6:40-7:00 p.m and enjoyed friendly discussions about our bees. We are online only due to the flooding and rain in SoCal.

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

Kevin Heydman welcomed new members including beekeepers experienced and new.

#### 2. Chat Monitor

Allen Johnson will monitor chat questions in Zoom. Thank you!

#### 3. Guest Speakers

Introduction by: Charlene

#### Topic: The Molecular Secrets of Survivor Bees

Research: I focus on the translation of genotype-phenotype relationship to improving bee health. The research emphasis focuses on the rich diverse genome of the southern California Survivor Bee (scutellata hybrids) that can be valuable in ensuring the production of food crops in California due to evolving pollinator requirements and climate change.

Expertise: Population Genomics, Sequencing, Biomarker development

Publications: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/christinawaters/>

Website: <https://www.rarescience.org/>

You can view the zoom recording here for 30 days:

#### 4. President's Report: Kevin Heydman

December party will be on December 8, 2024 from 10am-3pm. Hosted at The Valley Hive, Chatsworth. There will be BBQ, silent auction (bring your items, can be bee or non-bee related!), and bring a designated driver if you plan on having a few. :-)

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

Reporting

## **6. Committee Reports**

### **a. Secretaries' Reports: Jared Stone and Catt Stine**

Jared: In class today, could not make it

Catt: Partnership program still to come

### **b. Treasurer's Report: Jon Reese**

December party funding

### **c. Membership Report: Cheryl Thiele**

November 1st, people can sign up for the 2025 membership. Sign up for volunteering at Beekeeping 101.

Please sign up for your annual membership to continue accessing the zoom link each month.

You can check out memberships and sign up here:

<https://www.losangelescountybeekeepers.com/membership-benefits>

### **d. Web and online services report: Jeff Laun**

Jeff is humble and we all love him <3

### **e. Facebook report: Holly Hawk**

*Moving these updates to quarterly.*

### **f. Bylaws revision committee report: Dave Williams, El Rey Ensich, Holly Hawk**

*Moving these updates to quarterly.*

### **g. Slack report: Michael Pusateri**

Join our club on slack: <https://lacba.slack.com/> The more people, the more vibrant the discussions. You can share videos and pictures for fun and get answers to any of your questions between meetings.

### **h. LA County Zoo: Jay Weiss**

### **i. LA County Fair Report: Cindy Caldera**

Absent

### **j. Speakers' Committee Update: Charlene and Barbara**

Allen Johnson and Julie Millenbach will take over the Speaker Committee for the new year.

Most of the year's schedule is planned; onboarding meeting TBD.

### **k. Education Committee report: Mary Landau**

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Nov 8 - 1pm: Let Mary Landau or Steve Savage know if you want to join as an observing attendee, and see how simple it is to teach others about bees!

I. Bee Tea: Anne Nicholson

Next Monday! Holly Hawk is coming in as the special guest!

m. Beekeeping 101: Cheryl Thiele & Keith Roberts

The last class was a hit. The classes are held February through October. 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.

**These will start back up again in February 2025! Thank you for a great year.**

n. CIBER Liason report: Linda Ortega and Pat Michell

Christina covered this in her presentation today

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

The Valley hive has it's 10 year anniversary, and they showed a lovely video that was on tv about their beekeeping experience.

## 7. Ad Hoc + Q&A

- **Voting / 2025 Board Members**

- Nominee (Barb) was admitted into LACBA. There were no conflicts for the new executive board lineup and change of positions. All said AYE.

- Charlene Potter, President

- Jay Weiss, Vice President

- Jon Reese, Treasurer

- Jared Stone, Corresponding Secretary

- ~~— Barbara Knighton, Recording Secretary~~ This position has since been returned to Catt Stine

- Members at large, El Rey Ensich and Kevin Heydman

Submitted [11/4/2024]

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Catt Stine

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## Next Meetings

Executive Meeting: **Last Week of each month @ 5:00pm** via Zoom

Hybrid General Meeting: **First Monday of each month 7:00pm**

- **Via zoom:**

*Zoom link is emailed to members in good standing prior to the event.*

*Renew your membership here: <https://www.losangelescountybeekeepers.com/new-products>*

- **In-Person:**

*Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 3561 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta, CA 91214*

Beekeeping 101: **Once per month(February-October), check [site](#) for details**

Bee Tea: **Second Monday of each month 7:00pm** via Zoom

Education Committee: **Third Wednesday of each month 7:00 pm** via Zoom