

California State Beekeepers Association
Board of Directors Meeting
September 11, 2015
Kona Kai Resort & Spa, 1551 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego, CA 92106
SUMMARY MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m.

The minutes of the May 15, 2015, Board meeting were accepted.

The financial statements were accepted.

The correspondence was circulated.

OLD BUSINESS

2015 Convention – Brad said that Henry Buckwalter at CAPCA assured him they will send a speaker; otherwise, the schedule is pretty complete. The Board approved Brent's request to make banners with our and sponsors' logos for \$400. Brad noted that Mann Lake is doing a lot, but he's asking if they also want to sponsor or co-sponsor the BQ. He's also donating 100 posters to the Ladies Aux as a fundraiser; some may also be used as advertising.

2016 Convention – Dion said it will be here at Kona Kai; we will tour the facility at 11:15. The San Diego Beekeeping Society, our local affiliated club, is eager to help.

2017 Convention – Steve Godlin will probably use Harrah's at South Lake Tahoe for 2017. He is negotiating with their sales person, Crissy Jaspersen, as they are in the process of remodeling.

B.I.T. program involvement report – Carlen Jupe reported that it didn't happen, because the Farm Bureau never replied to our query about their work on this. Some folks' renewal's took place under the old guidelines. Mr. Weaver of the B.I.T. is on our Convention schedule, but it was again noted that even pickups will count as Class B if they weigh 10,000 pounds or more.

CDFA ad hoc bee health working group report – No representative was present, so there was no report.

Publicity Chairperson proposal – Carlen got no responses to requests for proposals. He was advised to respond to less of what comes in via email / phone / Facebook; it was also suggested he put a blurb in the ABJ every month and put our policies on the website, with a no-reply automated response.

CSBA "Speakers Bureau" – Carlen reported that the media training got rave reviews.

NEW BUSINESS

Donation for Minnesota Bee Lab? – The Board approved donating \$10,000 from CSBA Research funds to the University of Minnesota's new bee lab. A check will be presented to Marla Spivak at Convention, and Liz Vaenoski, who suggested this, will be pre-notified but asked to keep it secret.

2016 annual budget – The Board increased Miscellaneous by \$1,000, Publicity by \$1,500, and Secretarial Services by \$2,500 for a total increase of \$5,000; they also raised Research by \$10,000 to cover the check to U. of Minnesota's bee lab.

New credit card processing equipment? – The Board authorized the rental of a chip-and-pin credit card processing terminal for \$65.

Buy educational materials for kids, from NHB – Carlen spent \$28 getting these, and has already sent some.

CSBA at CCLT event in Sacramento, 10/9/15 – Brad will call Bob Sugar of SABA about getting their help in setting up a booth. We have 60 seed packs from Billy Synk at PAM, and are asking Christi Heintz for more. Bill Lewis is providing honeystix, and Mike Tolmachoff brought Public Lands brochures to distribute. Brad received two tickets and will bring his wife unless we have a CSBA volunteer, perhaps Terry Holcomb. Carlen will take the CSBA tablecloth and the honeystix, which Bill brought to this meeting, as far as Salida; Brad will pick them up there.

Collapsible background for CSBA display tables? – After looking at the handout Mike brought, the Board approved spending roughly \$1,900.00 to hire Kodua Galieti to make a single panel, 8’ tall popup display to use at Convention, the Almond Conference, etc. Also approved was a second CSBA tablecloth.

How to recognize significant in-kind donations? – Carlen’s question brought the suggestions of letters of appreciation, offers of chances to speak briefly after Convention break, and giving some as door prizes.

Request for CSBA participation in Dixon, CA, fair – Carlen noted that Elina Nino and her lab will attend, but she says there’s plenty of need for CSBA representation, too. Brad will ask the Sonoma club, I’ll ask Bob Sugar if SABA would be interested.

PANNA lawsuit – Brad reported that Michele Colopy of the Pollinator Stewardship Council said that they will only sign on to this lawsuit if the CSBA files a friendly friend-of-the-court brief. The Board’s consensus was for Brad to decline in an email to Michele, saying that we don’t litigate. Jackie and Brad will write a letter to DPR to get their view on this matter.

BEE TIMES vs mass emails vs website – Responding to Carlen’s request for guidance, the Board made these suggestions: 1) Use mass emails for urgent/important items, putting the rest in BEE TIMES, and don’t republish material from other newsletters, as the mass emails are so big that many do not read them, though some like the option. 2) No advertisements should be in mass emails. 3) Mass emails, like the BEE TIMES, could have links to the website, with just linked titles.

ELAP program modification – Alan Henninger reported that the USDA appears to be considering far stricter qualifications for ELAP program, though apparently one can sign up for both NAP and ELAP.

AGENCY REPORTS

Apiary Board – As Roger Everett is terming out, the Board determined that there will be an Apiary Board meeting at Convention so we can nominate someone new from his area. CDFCA will be notified so they can post the meeting. Steve will ask Paul Godlin to be Roger’s replacement.

American Honey Producers Assn. – Jackie reported that their upcoming convention will be in Albuquerque 1/5-1/9; in 2017, they will share a convention at Galveston with the ABF.

Calif. Specialty Crops Council – While their organizational issue seems to be resolved, the Board’s consensus was to wait until our November meetings to decide on paying dues.

American Beekeeping Federation – Mike Tolmachoff said he enjoyed the 2015 ABF Convention, but will not be able to go to Jacksonville for 2016. The Nominating Committee must find someone else as delegate.

NHB – Valeri Severson has been nominated as a beekeeping industry representative.

PAm – Mike Tolmachoff reported that Billy Synk, their new hire, is doing a great job.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

African Honey Bee – Brock had no report.

Awards – Alan Mikolich asked for nominations.

Bee Times – Meg Ribotto reported the following statistics: 1) We have for 2 years consistently had an open rate of 50%, while the industry average is 11%. 2) The click-through rate to visit linked web pages is 18%, vs. the industry average of 7%.

Constitution – Bryan Ashurst asked to be notified of requested changes, like “member” vs “voting member”.

Convention – Patti had no further report.

Ladies Auxiliary – Amanda relayed via Brad that they have hats, T-shirts and posters, and are working on pottery to sell as fundraisers. The Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon is arranged; Barkman Honey will sponsor it.

Legislative – Jackie said that Paul Pratt of USDA wants to fill scientist positions for the ARS lab at UC Davis, and invited Jackie to help select candidates; she definitely will! Darren Cox will also try to get in. Karen Francone at DPR sent her a letter, wanting help with the Bee Aware Symposium on 10 November, where the

emphasis will be on communication, collaboration, and cooperation with commercial beekeepers. AB1259 is on Governor Brown's desk; if signed it will clarify public lands issues as follow: Leases are to be no-bid, and prior arrangements are to be grandfathered in. We had to agree to non-exclusive leases (i.e. bees and other entities to be allowed) but asked for all-weather roads, which allows below-market rental (essentially cost to administer).

Marketing – Patti reported for Troy Bunch that folks have begun to return completed pollination surveys.

Membership – Mike Tolmachoff asked us to take to club meetings the membership brochures he brought, as these will be obsolete after Convention.

Nominations – Bill Lewis and the committee have a lot of candidates, but need ABF delegate recommendations and / or volunteers.

Public Lands – No report: Chairman Mike Harrel moved to Idaho.

Research - Alan Henninger reported that the due date for proposal returns is Oct. 23; we are focusing the request on varroa. Updates on current research were due 9/1/15. Elina Nino emailed that RFPs have been sent out to AAPA, AIA, PSU center for pollinator listserve, PA regional listserve and a few other individuals who should pass it on to their groups and other researchers.

CLUB REPORTS

California Bee Breeders – Buzz Landon said they will meet on October 21.

Central Valley Beekeepers - Their next meeting will be Saturday, September 19th at the Dadant Warehouse in Fresno, from about 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Randy Oliver will be their guest speaker. Refreshments will be available; lunch will not be included.

Delta Bee Club – They met the first Tuesday each of June, August and September, with general discussions each time. The October meeting, also the first Tuesday, will be a catered BBQ at Orin and Patti's place; it is hoped that Gordy Wardell will speak.

Gilroy Beekeepers – They are updating their constitution/bylaws and have raised \$1000 for bee research.

Los Angeles County Beekeepers – Bill Lewis reported that the L.A. County Fair started last Friday; it runs through September. He asked for help staffing their booth, noting that staff get free tickets. Attendance has been good, so they hope to make lots of money and make lots of donations. The club will again sponsor a lot of members to Convention.

Orange County Beekeepers – Bill Lewis said that they completed their fair and made lots of money.

Sacramento Area Beekeepers – With a current membership of 160, they staffed the CSBA State Fair Booth 7/10-7/26/15 and, on 8/1 at the Harvest Day with the Sacramento County Master Gardeners at the Fair Oaks Horticultural Center, they had an information booth and gave out National Honey Board recipes. Their June 16th meeting featured Duane of Mann Lake Ltd., speaking on “Feeding Bees”; on July 21 they heard “Enhancing Forage for Honey Bees” by Dr. Neal Williams. Their August meeting was general Q&A about what you should see in your colonies in August and how you should be prepping for winter. Their 15 September meeting will be a review of the U.C. Davis meeting about neonicotinoid pesticides, as reported by SABA members for whose attendance there the club has paid. On the 12th will be their summer picnic at the U.C. Davis bee garden. See <http://www.sacbeekeepers.org/classes.html> for details about their 9/27/15 bee class at U.C. Davis. Ernie Buda reported that the City of Sacramento has recently made its ordinances more bee-friendly; it is hoped that this will positively influence Sacramento County, with which SABA is working. The county currently requires ½ acre lots before it will allow beekeeping. Staff do appear to be paying attention to beekeepers' reasoning, and are working hard on the issues, though they are behind schedule. The club has a new computer, are revising their bylaws, need a webmaster, and have a new mailing address. Planning is underway for their presence at the 9/10-13 Gold County Fair in Auburn.

San Diego Beekeeping Society: Mark Kukuchek said that they have about 1100 members (not all beekeepers) and meet monthly. They are working with the county on beekeeping ordinances, lobbying for smaller offsets so hobbyists can keep bees. They also do a lot of education of members and the public, including a honey tasting competition at Del Mar.. Alan Mikolich and other commercial guys have been very helpful. Meetings average 75 – 100 in attendance.

Santa Clara Valley Beekeepers - They are updating their constitution/bylaws. They also plan to donate \$2000 to CSBA research.

Shasta Beekeepers – Their Bee Festival is tomorrow and the next day.

Sonoma County Beekeepers' Association – Brad will speak at their 10/12 meeting.

South Valley Bee Club – Steve said the joint meeting with the Central Valley club at Dadant is the news.

The next Board meeting will be at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West Hotel in Sacramento, California, at 9:00 a.m., November 16, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at about 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlen Jupe

Secretary/Treasurer