

**California State Beekeepers Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**November 20, 2015**  
**Hilton Sacramento Arden West Hotel, 2200 Harvard Street, Sacramento, CA 95815**  
**SUMMARY MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 8:12 a.m.

The minutes of the November 16, 2015, Board meeting were approved as read.

The financial statements were approved.

There was no correspondence.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2015 Convention** – Brad thanked the Board and all who helped make this a success. Sponsors are seeing that sponsorship pays.

**2016 Convention** – Dion said it is still planned for November 15 – 17, 2016, with 120 rooms on-site and the same rate guaranteed at the adjoining hotel. He will get that in writing.

**CDFA ad hoc bee health working group report** – Roger said they got a border station update at Tuesday night's meeting. There have been 2800 bee shipments for all of 2015 so far; they expect 3000 – 4000. Only 11% of loads were rejected, and only about 300 held at all, most for much less than 24 hours. Station staffing is up, but two stations have no water. CDFA's Healthy Pollinator Working Group is working. Courtney Albrecht was asked to mock up letters to Karen Ross and Tom Vilsack about the whistleblower issue at USDA.

**Media Director interview** – The Board voted to engage Joy Pendell as a 1-year private contractor for this pilot position at \$3,000.00. Though the position will start out as comprised of what used to be the BEE TIMES Editor, Publicity Committee, and Website Committee, it may eventually even get rolled into an Executive Director position when the current Secretary/Treasurer retires. Joy will use multiple admins for the CSBA FaceBook account if administering it raises any issues.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**AGENCY REPORTS**

Apiary Board – See Roger's report, above.

ABF – New delegate Frank Pendell will report our Convention results at the ABF conference.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Awards – Alan said he already had candidates in mind for next year.

Constitution – The new chairman is Ryan Burris.

Convention – Patti will give a copy of Convention Planning 101 to new 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Mike.

Ladies Auxiliary – Amanda had no solid numbers on funds raised. They will make signs for next year.

Marketing – Troy said that Susan might still create the Program Guide next year, but doesn't want to do the advertising. While several suggestions were made, further action was deferred until January.

Media Director – This position is new, and Joy Pendell is its first occupant.

Membership – Mike said we might need someone else to do this in 2017, as he is now 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. He also needs the updated list of Affiliated Clubs, so Carlen is to ask clubs to sign up, then get the updated list to Mike. Joy will also need it for the website and the BEE TIMES.

Parliamentarian - Dr. Elina Nino asked Kathy Keatley Garvey to specify who besides Kathy is posting on the CSBA website. We still don't know who the administrator is.

Public Lands – Dion asked for suggestions for a chair; John and Jason Miller were suggested.

Research – Bryan Ashurst, the new chair, held the committee meeting Wednesday night, and considered 12 proposals for \$389,000. Four are submitted for approval: 1) Walter Sheppard wants \$15,200 to look for a fungus that will fight Varroa, he will probably also work on how to apply it. 2) Kirk Anderson wants \$14,420 to

screen B.T. as a Varroa fighter. Elina Nino asked for \$35,025 to test thymol with glucose to deliver to mites in brood. She wants to develop a solution that will withstand sunlight, heat, etc., and thinks this idea would work with other essential oils. Smith and Stark asked \$25,000 to develop a better carrier for organic acids as miticides. We're holding off for now on screening for Variant B of DWV, which is less virulent than Variant A of DWV, but we may ask for this later. Jill Jenkins' proposal on the best ways to use oxalic acid may also be resubmitted. The Board accepted the four recommended proposals.

Rewards - Robert Wooten is the new chairman.

## CLUB REPORTS

California Bee Breeders – They will meet next in January.

Central Valley Beekeepers - At the September meeting, they voted and approved new board members and a new president. They also signed papers to officially become a non-profit corporation.

Delta Bee Club –Mel Machado spoke at their November meeting; elections will be in December. Sue Holcomb is their representative today.

Gilroy Beekeepers – The meeting in October discussed the role of neonicotinoids on our bee population. This was based upon information presented at the *Truth or Myth? Neonicotinoids and Their Impact on Pollinators: What is the Science-Based Research?* Conference held at UC Davis on 9 September 2015.

In November, Dr. Nino gave a “Year in Review” presentation. She was also presented with a check for \$1,000 to help kick start the California Master Beekeeper Program. This money was raised by a monthly raffle of donated bee equipment. Five members attended the W.A.S. meeting in Boulder. A check for \$1,660 to be used for research will be presented at the CSBA conference.

Sacramento Area Beekeepers – They met on 10/15/15. The Green Acres Fall Festival crowds were dampened by rain, but all four stores were covered by SABA members, who talked to a few folks at each store. Doug and Larry sold out of their honey.

Ernie Buda reported that the Bee Ordinance Committee met with the county twice, most recently on 10/19/15. Ag, Zoning, and Parks & Rec were all present. All livestock are under review, so there was not much attention to beekeeping, except to mention the \$10 fee required to register hives with the County Ag Commissioner's Office. Progress is slow but encouraging.

Their latest newsletter included Serge Lebesque's article describing rescuing a colony from a collapsed shed.

The November meeting will be 11/17 with Dr. Elina Nino speaking; the December meeting, their annual holiday party, will be on 12/15.

Santa Clara Valley Beekeepers - October's meeting topic was hastily changed to Africanized Bees in the Bay Area due to bad press arising a few days before. Santa Clara Valley Vector Control presented the options they are using to mitigate AHB if they do appear in the county; members were also advised as to proper beekeeping practices to minimize impacts on neighbors. In November, Dr. Nino gave a “Year in Review” presentation. Three members attended the W.A.S. meeting in Boulder.

Shasta Beekeepers – Their Bee Festival went better this year, with a bigger booth and more educational outreaches. They will be doing the same thing for the ABF conference.

The next Board meeting will be at the California Farm Bureau Federation Headquarters in Sacramento, California, at 9:00 a.m., January 22, 2016. Roger needs to coordinate with the CFBF, and Dion needs to invite CAPCA.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlen Jupe

Secretary/Treasurer