

## *Minutes of the Central Coast Beekeeping Association*

*April 27th, 2016*

*Newport Library*

The Board meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by Anne Schatz – Co-President with Board members Anne Schatz, Nancy McDowell, Rick Olson, Rebecca Fain, Max Kuhn, Mary Ellen Townsend, Dan Speers and Neill Crawford in attendance. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Mary Ellen presented the financial report which indicated that we have \$1,040.20 in the bank after paying OSBA dues and purchasing the Nonprofit handbook for club usage.

### **Old Business –**

Articles and Bylaws – Anne and Nancy presented the Articles for review and pointed out the areas needing Board approval.

- It was decided that the Past President position would be a non-voting advisor position unless they were reelected to the Board by the membership. In this case they would hold a vote as all elected members do. Moved by Becca, seconded by Dan and unanimously approved.
- The board would consist of up to 11 members plus the past president and the quorum would be 50%. Moved by Becca, seconded by Dan and unanimously approved.
- Annual meeting date was set as November. Moved by Dan, seconded by Becca and unanimously approved.

Policy Letters – It was decided that the Articles would remain general in nature and that specifics would be outlined in more detail as needed through policy letters

Meeting topics for 2016 – The topics for the remaining meetings in 2016, as outlined in the agenda, were reviewed and approved. It was decided that Rita Ostrofsky would be invited to the June meeting to discuss the Master Beekeepers Program to encourage participation from the Central coast.

### **New Business –**

OSBA REPORT – Max reported on attending the OSBA meeting for Anne and Nancy as neither was available to attend. He indicated that they were seeking help in revamping and improving their web page and that he had recommended Rick to assist. We also received an update regarding their annual conference which will again be held at Oregon Gardens from October 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> .

County Fair – It was decided that we would once again have a booth at the County Fair as last year's fair was so successful in attracting membership. It was moved by Max and seconded by Becca to pay the registration fee of \$50 and that we would once again ask the Master Beekeepers program to kick in with at least 50% of the fee. This passed unanimously.

Committees and Chairs – Dan volunteered to chair the Newsletter committee; discussed the need to set up a budget for future years and that we needed to make a final determination regarding fees for speakers and the potential of offering scholarships to MB and the OSBA conference. It was suggested that we look at offering speakers gas money and a small stipend.

*The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm* and the general meeting was opened at 6:30 pm by Anne with 21 members in attendance. Anne made some general announcements and informed the group of recent changes in the State Department of Agriculture regulations regarding the registering of bee hives. The meeting was then turned over to general group discussion regarding how things were going with new hives being set up by beginning beekeepers and how our more experienced beekeepers were progressing as they were coming out of the winter into the spring swarm and flow time. The general meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.