



Minutes of the Los Angeles County Beekeepers Association

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General Meeting – 7pm

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

3561 Foothill Boulevard

La Crescenta, CA 91214

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Next Meeting: April 1, 2019

General Meeting – 7:00 pm

Kevin Heydman called the Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

1. Welcome (Kevin Heydman)

a. Flag Salute (Kevin Heydman)

b. Introduction of the Board (Kevin Heydman)

Jon Reese – President, (not present)

Kevin Heydman – Vice President (not present)

Merrill Kruger - Secretary

Bill Rathfelder – Treasurer (not present)

El Rey Enschede – Member at Large

2. Ticket seller for auction

3. Old Business

Keith Roberts gave an update of Beekeeping 101 which had 130-140 beekeepers with a good amount of volunteers

First meeting of the Education Committee. (get name) Focus will be on best practices (as stated on website)

Website (Eva gave an update on the Bill Rathfelder, our Treasurer who is ill. A card was passed around)

Eva reported on a “Glitch” in the website regarding the timing of the events. Eva also updated the website with recent news updates.

Kevin received an acknowledgement of our donation to the Bee Informed Partnership.

Members shared experiences relating to mudslides (and need for help excavating hives for David

Bock, Buzzed Honey) and burn areas in Malibu (Larry Sumner had major losses and is looking to replace equipment, bees, swarms...)

Membership committee (Cheryl Thiele)

The roster that is distributed for signing in has only those names that Cheryl has email addresses for. See Cheryl if your name is not on the list.

Spring Fling at the LA County Zoo. Jay Weiss, coordinating. (GET DATES FROM JAY)
Volunteers needed for 6 hour shifts (4 people a shift). Jay Weiss will coordinate the volunteers.
There will be honey tasting, staging, speaking opportunities. April 18-19??

Cindy Caldera, Coordinator for the LA County Fair Bee Booth. Wed-Sundays.

4. Speaker: Erin Johnson, Director of Outreach
Theodore Payne Foundation

Education and Advocacy organization for native plants, (Speaker) provided a history of Theodore Payne and the organization. Highlights includes the Seed program which includes 700 species of seeds; propagation nursery (75,000 plants grown on site; retail nursery for native plants with over 900 species and cultivars, and their Adult education program; seed shop, bookshop and art gallery, fire demonstration garden, Festivals and public talks throughout the region. K-12 Education program (field trips and site visits/plantings) Involved in helping communities plant public places with native gardens.

Native Plant Garden Tour: April 6 and 7. Self guided journey through 29 gardens.

Native Plants for Bees (UC Berkeley Bee Lab)
There are 1,600 native bee species in California!

Resources for Honey Bees:

Spring:

- Monardella
 - California lilac (Dark Star and Julia Phelps)
 - Black sage
 - Brittlebush
 - Elegant Clarkia
 - Phacelia (wildflower)
 - California poppy
 - Apricot mallow
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Summer

- Seaside daisy Wayne Broderick
- California buckwheat
- Deerweed
- Gumplant
- Goldenrod

When planning a native garden, look at space you have, take measurements, know your soil requirements.

- Resources: www.helpabee.org www.calscape.org

8. What's blooming in our neighborhoods
oranges, Valencia, avocados, eucalyptus,

Package update: Members gave updates on their experiences. Some weather issues, some strong, some only had 50% success. Packages coming mid April.

Many members benefitted from the generous auction items

[Minutes submitted by Mary Ann Laun]
