



**Minutes of the Los Angeles County Beekeepers Association
November 4, 2019 General Meeting – 7pm**

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
3561 Foothill Boulevard
La Crescenta, CA 91214
losangelescountybeekeepers.com

Next Meeting: Annual Banquet meeting December 2. Registration on the LACBA website

Jon Reese called the Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

1. Welcome (Jon Reese)

- a. Flag Salute (Jon Reese)
- b. Introduction of the Board (Jon Reese)

Jon Reese – President
Kevin Heydman – Vice President
Merrill Kruger – Secretary
Treasurer (Interim treasurer Danny White)
El Rey Enschede – Member at Large
Note: Mary Ann Laun – Minute recorder

2. Thank you to Doug Nolan for the treats this evening.

3. Introductions of first timers.

4. Annual holiday awards banquet. December 2nd at Pickwick Gardens (1001 Riverside Drive Burbank) 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Register at the Club's website. <https://www.losangelescountybeekeepers.com/>
Questions were raised centered around membership non-membership and inclusion.
Banquet. Doug Nolan will be preparing the banquet for members. (Note: Bring appetizers, desserts, and auction items.)

5. Fireside chat: Noriel Reyes from the LA County Department of Agriculture. The Department is available to help beekeepers comply with all the regulations in the city and county. Registration is required for 2020, as in future years. Beeaware program is designed to notify beekeepers if spraying is taking place, especially for the psyllid virus. Tempo is the chemical being used to control this invasive citrus problem. (Kevin mentioned that Tempo is toxic to bees.) Forms are available at their website or LACBA. Bill Lewis mentioned that often receipts of registration are needed from county to county. This can be requested. Beekeepers should get 72 hour notice of spraying.

6. Mark Haag Cal Poly State Pomona. Mark discussed a new mite test that could meet the needs of hobbyists that was faster, easier, not intimidating. Journey started about a year ago after Randy Oliver's visit. Because of the risk of killing queens in the test method, Mark's method uses only the top frames of workers and takes a cup and rubs it down the back sides of bees. He used a Honey Saver spoon from Mann-Lake: looks like a soup ladle. He discussed his methodology. Randy Oliver is analyzing his results. They will be publishing an article.

7. Update on Beekeeping 101. (Keith Roberts) Iverson Ranch is now the new home of the hives for Beekeeping 101. Keith would like to get feedback about the classes and how they can be improved. Keith thanks all the volunteers who assisted with the classes.

8. Meeting Minutes. Mary Ann Laun passed three copies around the room for additions, corrections.

9. Membership report Cheryl. 332 paid memberships. New signups for 2020. Encouraging members to sign up for the banquet.

10. Website update. Pollinator movie starts Nov. 6. Eva also mentioned a new link for using probiotics to help honeybees.

11. Education Committee. Mary mentioned that the committee will meet before the January meeting at 6 am.

12. Treasurer report. Danny White, interim treasurer. Danny presented the financial report for the club. Jon disseminated a report for suggested organizations to receive donations from the club. Treasurer's Report (deferred, acting treasurer not present)

Jon Reese did pass out a projected disbursement handout for possible funding from LACBA. The 2019 Los Angeles County fair yielded approximately \$30,000 in honey sales. The Board has been discussing channeling funds to support local organizations. Reports from those organizations will be encouraged. Funds are committed already to American Honey Federation, Pollinator Stewardship Council, Randy Oliver, Cal Poly Pomona, UCSD, USC Channel Islands. Several discussion items centered on a possible clubhouse, center, for our meetings and harvesting. A fundraising committee was proposed to raise funds for the club by Keith Roberts. Nicky Tucker mentioned that we approach celebrities, media, to help support club activities. An additional donation might be for CSU Channel Islands' beekeeping program. Danny suggested that we use some of the funds to provide opportunities for club educational activities.

13. Elections.

Jon introduced each candidate and asked for nominations from the floor. There was one addition to the ballot for Member at large: El Rey Enschede. Ballots were distributed to voting members and tabulated.

Results:

Vice President/President elect: Dave Williams

Secretary: Mary Ann Laun

Treasurer: Jon Reese

Representative at large: El Rey Enschede

14. Questions from members centered around

queens (mated and unmated),

duplicate queens (mother/daughter) living in the same hive,

powdered sugar dusting,

an update from Jackie about her wasps (she has referred it to Mark Haag and his wife.)

Moving hives on the same property.

Organic honey? Is there such a thing? If you can verify 6 square miles of foraging and water sources.

Cheryl mentioned that there is no USDA Certified Organic Honey.

Winterizing hives for winter. Discussion centered on feeding or sharing honey to insure they we will make it through the winter.

Bees foraging sap from a cedar tree (getting propolis).

15. Announcements:

Kevin will be ordering from Big Island Queens soon if anyone is interested.

Club-shirts are still available. See Dave Williams

16. Events Announcements

California State Beekeepers Association will be held in Pechanga, November 19-21. Register online at <https://www.californiastatebeekeepers.com/annual-convention/>