

# Orange County Beekeepers Association

## Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2022

Tim Struttman, OCBA President, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone for the November meeting.

This month's invited speaker is **Nick Naeger**, from the Washington State University Department of Entomology. His lab studies the interaction between honey bee nutrition, diseases and pathogens, and the honey bee immune system. His lab is developing a fungal treatment for varroa and virus control.

### Club Business:

#### Update on the Hillsborough Christmas parade float: (Janet Staats)

- Our registration has been confirmed by the Hillsborough Chamber of commerce.
- Queen bee costume and t-shirts have been ordered, as well as a banner to hang from the back of the float.
- In progress: the build, including construction of seats around the skep, flower box.
- Still open to have more volunteers to help with construction, participants to sit or walk on the day of the parade. Group will meet each Sunday 1-4 pm from now until the day of the parade.

#### Vote on Slate of Officers for 2023:

- Tim presented the nominations:
  - o President: Nancy Oglesby
  - o Vice-president: Janet Staats
  - o Treasurer: Jim Greco\*
  - o Education Director: Randall Austin\*
  - o Membership Directors: Mary Anne Rhyne\* and Wayne Vanderburg\*
  - o Mentorship Directors: Vicki\* and Kent Robertson\*
  - o Secretary: Erika Wittchen\*
  - o Community Outreach: Robert King and Victoria Hill (Dawn Rogers to provide assistance)

Note: (\* = currently holding position)

- No additional nominations for the 2023 OCBA slate of officers were offered. The motion was approved, seconded, and passed.

### OCBA Holiday Party

Tim presented the options of having the annual holiday party in-person or hybrid format. It seemed the consensus was to have it in-person, as a hybrid format would be difficult to include on-line participants.

It will be held on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Orange County Extension Office in Hillsborough. The party will include our annual auction, photo contest, ice-breaker games, and festive food and beverages.

### **Door Prizes**

1. Hat (in person) Mary Anne Rhyne
2. Bag (online) Axel Elling
3. Bag (in person winner)
4. Hat (in person winner)
5. Bag (in person winner)

### **Other Announcements**

- Tim confirmed with the online attendees that the audio was much improved from prior Zoom meetings. Thank you to Carrie Donley for doing the research that allowed the club to purchase a new audio set-up that can be used for meetings, bee school, and other OCBA presentations.
- Wayne Vanderburg introduced 2 new members who just joined last week and are attending their first meeting.
- Mary Anne Rhyne reminded everyone to renew their memberships (both OCBA and NCSBA)
- Tim announced that the OCBA Apprenticeship for 2023 now has 5 applicants, but there's still time to apply.

### **Next Month's Speaker**

For December's meeting, we will be hosting the OCBA Holiday Party. This year will be in-person only—our first in-person Holiday Party since 2019! Speakers will resume in the new year.

*Erika Wittchen*  
*OCBA Secretary*