



THE BEELINE

Olympia Beekeeper's Association Newsletter
November 2010

Next Meeting: **Roosevelt Elementary School 1417 San Francisco Ave. NE**
 Monday November 8, 2010
 Apprenticeship Class at 6:00 p.m., Meeting at 7:00p.m.

President's Notes –

Greetings Oly Beekeepers, I hope that this finds you with your season's stock of honey harvested, and your bees left with a bounty for the harsh winter that is predicted.

At the October meeting we attempted to vary our usual format and held an inclusive discussion about our beekeeping experiences, our desires for OBA offerings in the coming year, and our diverse approaches to winterizing colonies. It was a good reminder that although none of us has all the answers, collectively we have a wealth of knowledge and experience in the art of beekeeping and the opportunity to come together and share these resources amongst ourselves. I hope that both novice and experienced beekeepers will recognize how essential it is to use our gatherings to interact, share, and dialogue as we contend with the challenges of modern beekeeping.

Many good suggestions came out of our discussions at the meeting, but there is always room for more. I ask that if you have ideas for how to create a more vital and useful Association, please continue to bring your ideas to the group so that we keep growing and evolving.

Thanks for your contributions.

Si Thacker

October Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2010

The October OBA meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Si Thacker in the Cafeteria of Roosevelt Elementary School. 64 attended.

Secretary's Report: The October minutes are included with the Newsletter. They contain much of the information discussed at the meeting.

Financial Report – Gail Booth

Checking Acct balance	\$3,380.39
Savings Acct Balance	1,388.09
Cash on hand	20.00

Other Reports:

1. *Mentor Program* – Rich Kalman

Items previously ordered were available for pick-up as well as order forms if anyone is interested in ordering hats, t-shirts – This is a good way to get the name of OBA visible to the public.

2. *Website* – Discussion – someone offered to take on this project – name? and will hopefully expand it.

3. *Newsletter* – Kim

The correct one was sent today – apologies from our editor.

4. *Librarian* – Susan Dolvan

Has received additional donations – Three extractor stands added to our inventory. Susan will be absent at the Nov. meeting.

5. *Beginning Beekeepers Class* – Bob Smith

New attendees along with a good number of regular ones.

New Business:

1. *Journeyman Class* – A number of people are interested and Bob Smith explained the details of what is needed – mainly a meeting place and he would go from there. Mother Irene offered to investigate.

2. It was suggested we send our President or Vice President to the WA/OR Beekeeping Conference at Hood River – expenses paid.

3. *Ordering of Queens* – Gail Booth stated that she called Olympia Wilderness Apiary and made inquiry as to what they have available. Anyone interested in ordering a queen or two was asked to talk to her.

4. *Care of P.A System*. Si asked if anyone was willing to transport the PA system to and from our meetings. Cathy graciously offered to do so.

5. *Purchase of Multi-Media Projector* – Kim Knust will follow-up with price info etc.

After the break, groups of 5 or 6 people were to prioritize suggestions of what they would like to see featured at future meetings. A summary is as follows:

- Present a wavve' method of hive – Ernie Schmidt
- Program on winterizing hives re: Ventilation , Langstraff hive, common extractor.
- Use OBA to influence growers in county in regards to the use of pesticides, fungicide etc.
- Have available a small “swat team” to help inexperienced Beekeepers, more than a mentor.
- Swarming Issues – More knowledge
- Feeding and types of feeders – general ideas.
- Meeting format – Have on display items used in Beekeeping – eg – hive tool, feeders, types of hives, extractor.
- more info on diseases, mites.
- Collection of hive products, namely pollen, propolis, wax, honey and its medicinal aspects.
- Winterizing and feeding of bees.

- Field trips- similar to Apprenticeship how to's, have a map with numbers to identify where people live and what grows in that area.
- More priority to presentation time.
- Mark Savage offered to host a workshop in his barn to demonstrate the assembly of equipment sometime in March or April.
- Have a count on hives that survive
- He offered to have a demonstration on how to tapp big leaf maple trees.
- As Si will be out of town in November, Mark Emrich will chair that meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by 9pm.

Submitted by A. Marjorie Smith, Secretary

Volunteers - Our OBA volunteers are a vital piece to our success. The club is always looking for presenters, speakers, planners, writers, photographers, set-up, raffle donations, etc., etc., etc. Some future topics for meeting programs include queen rearing, preparing honey for exhibiting, using bee/honey products, non-honey bee products, and allergies, to name a few. Please consider volunteering your expertise, passion, and/or time to the continued success of our organization.

Swap Meet – Plans are in the works for a swap meet in the spring (March). If you have ideas or equipment/products available, or if you would like to be involved in planning, promoting, or the organization of this event, see any of the OBA officers or drop an email to olympiabeekeepers@hotmail.com More information to follow in the coming months!

OBA Merchandise - Back by popular demand! OBA Merchandise is available once again. A great gift idea! Orders will be accepted at the November meeting for delivery at the December meeting. Items will be delivered in time for pre-Christmas mailing to your love ones. Please print out, fill in and bring the attached form, with your payment, to the meeting. You may also mail your order form and check (made payable to OBA) to Gail Booth, 4526 Pleasant Glade NE. Olympia, WA 98516. Orders must be received by November 17th to be included in our order.

Newsworthy Links –

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6MusqTKZ83I> A GREAT video about preventing CCD

Olympia Bee Association Merchandise Order Form

Please Print Clearly:

Name:	Phone:
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PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR CHOICES BELOW

Item				Qty.	Cost	Total
Mug					\$9	
	Light Khaki	White	Navy	Black	Dark Khaki	
Hat	\$15	\$15	\$18	\$18	\$18	
SHORT SLEEVE T						
Size	Logo	Qty.	White	Ash	Black	
Small	big or little		\$10	\$13	\$15	
Medium	big or little		\$10	\$13	\$15	
Large	big or little		\$10	\$13	\$15	
X Large	big or little		\$10	\$13	\$15	
XXLarge	big or little		\$12	\$15	\$17	
LONG SLEEVE T						
Size	Logo	Qty.	White		Black	
Small	big or little		\$18		\$25	
Medium	big or little		\$18		\$25	
Large	big or little		\$18		\$25	
X Large	big or little		\$18		\$25	
XXLarge	big or little		\$20		\$27	
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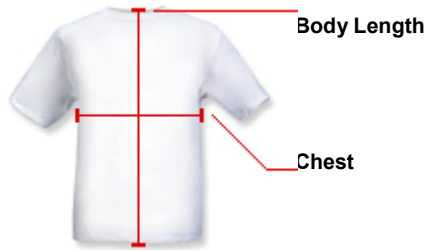
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Treasurer's Initials	
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Body Measurements (in inches)

Size	S	M	L	XL	XXL
Chest	34-36	38-40	42-44	46-48	50-52
Body Length	27	29	30	31	31.5



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