

Member meeting begins 6:36pm

Robert Sperry - Vice President opened the meeting, filling in for Brooklin as he is with his family.

Treasure Valley Bee Club Honey Label Contest Winners:

Marc Von Huene won for the winning round label

Maddex Biedryzcki designed the winning Oval label.

Next annual planning meeting in January 20th, 2026 6-8pm at the Meridian Senior Center
Agenda: planning and organization for 2026 and election of Secretary and Treasurer offices for next year.

January 27, 2026 will be the **next club member meeting** and we will talk about how to prepare for bees in the coming spring.

Winter bees - Treat them for mites.....vaporize them is the best way. You can learn this Saturday at the FLC from 1-3 with Ben.

December 11-12, 2025 - **IHIA Annual Meeting** at the Hilton Garden and Jan Lowman and Brandon Hopkins will be among the guest speakers. You can register online to attend this.

OMB - Apprentice Class will begin on January 3, 2026, Saturday, 8-1pm; 9-1pm(February and March; 9-2pm(April - Last Class).

14 students are signed up. \$350 to take the class per person.

Community Ed. Beginning Beekeeping classes via **Boise Community Schools**

Class Dates for 2026: Jan 22, - Thursday; Feb. 9. Monday ; March 3, Tuesday

Irene - Shared about her upcoming classes...9am-12:30

Street parking available at the Westrick's house and the exact address will be disclosed when you sign up and pay your class fee.

Mind Your Beeswax March 14th - Food wraps, chapsticks, Wood butter...etc....

Let's Talk Honey - March 7th - Stuff to eat with honey. Lots of tasting...!

Maybe a Mead Class 101 if you interested...let Irene know.

\$60 for each class...and \$10 of that fee goes back to TVBC and the other \$50 goes to the supplies to take the class.

Testimonials: Ann is bringing some co-workers...she loved it so much for the third year. Ann won a blue ribbon for infused honey at the fair because of what she learned at the class.

Queen Rearing Experience - **Steve Sweet's OSMB** was to graft larvae into cups and use a cloak board method and some mating nucs to raise queens and a 50% success was required to become a Master Beekeeper. See his Power point presentation or if you have questions.

Garrett Hanna - Things we need to recognize as we **prepare our hives for winter**.

1. Look for pollen that is still coming in so don't feed pollen right now it can stimulate the queen to lay more eggs.
2. Yellowjackets are still flying so reduce the entrance but still provide a way for the bees to ventilate the hive.
3. Mice - You can put a mouse guard in to prevent mice from coming into the hive.
4. Do's and Don'ts (please see Garrett's Power Point)

Dave Pook from Emmet - Sugar Board Demonstration Recipe: 10lbs of white sugar; 1and1/4 cup of water; Honey Bee Healthy with lemon grass oil (1/4 teaspoon) from Mann Lake and Pollen substitute mix it all up in a 5 gallon bucket and pour it into a spacer and pack it in solid. Let it dry for 2 days and then turn it over to dry the bottom for one more day...make sure it is dry and place it above the honey box and put on the inner cover and then put the telescoping cover on last.

No meeting in December we will return in January.

Meeting ended at 7:40pm

