

# Backyard Beekeeping Association | MINUTES - VIII

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Meeting date | time 1/21/2016 6:15 PM | Meeting location Deer Park Library, Deer Park, WA

Meeting called by Pat McGinty  
Type of meeting Monthly  
Facilitator Pat McGinty  
Secretary Kimberlee Kealiher

Attendees:  
16 signed in; 5 filling out new attendee form; and 2 visitors

## PRE-MEETING CONVERSATIONS

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Topic: *Reconnections* | Presenter: *Informal member conversations*

**Discussion:** The Association chose this month to use our pre-meeting education time to reconnect with each other and talk about our hives.

## MEETING INTRODUCTION:

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Meeting Opener: *Pat McGinty*

**Discussion:** The formal meeting opened at 6:20 pm. Introduction of new attendees to Backyard Beekeeping Association. Confirmation that the Association is focused and dedicated to furthering the knowledge and love of the “hobbyist” backyard beekeeper. Visitors were introduced, officers were recognized and a reminder was made regarding sign in, class schedules, and important handouts.

## MEETING EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION:

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Topic: *Cleaning and Using Beeswax* | Presenter *Ana, Maria and Ari Alvarez Jr.*

**Discussion:** Ari Jr spoke about harvesting, cleaning and using beeswax. Maria spoke about making lip balm and moisturizer with harvested beeswax. Ana spoke about using harvested beeswax for painting. It was very informative and highlighted many uses for beeswax, honey cappings, and bur comb. For more information, please visit [www.beemaniacs.com/learn](http://www.beemaniacs.com/learn).

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Topic: *What's Happening in the Hive?* | Presenter *Pat McGinty, Kermit Claussen, Bob Arnold*

**Discussion:** Pat introduced a new aspect to the meeting, “What’s Happening in the Hive?”. This portion of the meeting is for those who have a question about their hive and to discuss what is going on in various regions of our area. This week Kermit asked Bob why his bees were flying out of the hive and then dying. Bob thought it was because they were old bees and that there wasn’t too much to worry about. If Kermit began to see an increase dead bees, he needed to check for a Varroa mite infestation.

## Member to Member

**Q&A/Break:** All in attendance were able to discuss any questions they had regarding winterization of their hives and also view the Alvarezs’ beeswax creations.

## MEETING MOTIONS:

### Old Business Action Items

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#### Previous Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** To approve previous meeting minutes.

**Vote:** Motion to accept: Kurt Veeder / Second made: Kermit Claussen / Motion approved.

#### Treasurers Report

**Motion:** To approve treasurer's report. (See attached)

**Vote:** Motion to accept: Vic Davis / Second made: Ana Alvarez / Motion approved.

#### Apprentice Classes

- A. Apprentice Classes will be held in 2016 on the following Saturdays in March: 5th, 12th, and 19th from 9am to 1pm. The classes will be held at the Deer Park Senior Center (\$25 a Saturday) unless otherwise noted.
- B. Journeyman members were asked by Ari Alvarez to consider how they can contribute at the upcoming Apprentice classes in order to gain hours towards their certification. Ari will record volunteers at the next meeting.
- C. Pat McGinty discussed the possibility of advertising for the upcoming classes. Pat has created flyers for members to post in local businesses, as well as researched costs for advertising in the Deer Park Tribune and Mid-Week Extra in mid-February (\$54 per week) and the Exchange/Nickel Nik (\$50 per week). Pat asked the members to set an advertising budget of \$150 and Chrys Ostrander volunteered to help.
- D. Chris Salcedo has procured the Deer Park Library display case for the month of February and will take any donations of beekeeping equipment to entice interested parties to join the Association.

**Motion:** To accept the advertising budget at \$150: Kermit Claussen / Second made: Peggy Clemons / Motion approved.

### New Business Action items

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#### New Webmaster

**Discussion:** Sadly our webmaster, Stephen Kraft, will be stepping down, so we need to find someone willing and capable to fill his shoes. Chrys Ostrander volunteered to meet with Stephen and take over the position. Thank you Stephen for all your hard work and thank you Chrys for stepping up in his place!

#### Second Year Beekeeping Classes

**Discussion:** It was decided that due to time and enrollment it would be better to host a second year beekeepers class in the spring of 2017 instead of 2016.

## UPDATES, NEXT MEETING INFORMATION AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Discussion

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#### Updates:

- A. Kimberlee Kealiher updated us on her progress with the moisture quilt experiment and was recently interviewed by Out There Monthly Magazine about backyard beekeeping. Article will be in the June edition.

- B. If anyone is looking for a more local source for queens and bees, Pat McGinty offered Old Sol Apiaries (<http://oldsolbees.com/>), Olympic Wilderness Apiaries (<http://www.wildernessbees.com/>) and closer to home, Will Olsen, a local beekeeper who raises and sells queens.
- C. Kimberlee and Pat also suggested the possible creation of a co-op for our Association. This will be discussed further in future meetings.

**Next Meeting Information:** February 18th, 2016 at 6pm. The meeting education segments will feature a talk with Joyce Henry regarding screened inner covers for better ventilation and Will Olson will be speaking about bee hive construction and tools.

**Upcoming Events –**

Chrys Ostrander informed the members of an upcoming Co-op Start-up Fair being held February 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at the Spokane Convention Center. For more information, please go to [www.roots.nwcdc.coop](http://www.roots.nwcdc.coop)

**Motion to Adjourn –** Kurt Veeder / Second made: Chris Salcedo – Meeting adjourned 8:20PM

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# Treasury Report as of December 2015

## Reported on January 21, 2016

<b>Per Bank Statement Dated:</b>	1/1-1/31 2016
<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	\$651.39
<b>Service Charge:</b>	-\$6.25
<b>Checks Deposited:</b>	\$300.00 Coeur D Alene Tribe \$50.00 Single Lifetime Membership
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	\$995.14