

# Backyard Beekeeping Association | MINUTES - VII

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Meeting date | time 10/15/2015 6:00 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:  
28 signed in and 4 filling out new attendee form.

## PRE-MEETING CONVERSATIONS:

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Topic: *Moisture Quilts* | Presenter *Kimberlee Kealiher*

**Discussion:** Kimberlee Kealiher spoke about how to create a moisture quilt to reduce the buildup of condensation in the hive which can lead to a hive's demise. We now have another tool for our bee survival toolkit.

## MEETING INTRODUCTION:

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Meeting Opener: *Pat McGinty*

**Discussion:** Meeting opened at 6:20 pm. Introduction for 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: *Hive Winterization Peggy's Way* | Presenter *Peggy Clemons*

**Discussion:** Peggy works seventeen hives in the Nine Mile area of Spokane County. She believes in caring for the bees in ways that are more natural and less chemical intensive. From her seven years of experience Peggy shared with us how she winterizes her hives. She demonstrated how to make candy boards and the candy that fills them as well as how to make a grease patty. She puts the candy boards in place on each hive in the middle of November and removes them in late February or early March. She also feels the grease patties help with mite control as the bees groom each other to remove the grease and the mites fall off in the process. Peggy passed out a handout with directions and recipes for the candy and the grease patty. This was very informative and provided for interesting discussion during our Member to Member portion.

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Topic: *Apimondia* | Presenter *Ari Alvarez*

**Discussion:** Ari shared a slide show and his experiences attending Apimondia in South Korea. Apimondia is like the World's Fair of beekeeping and Ari was able to learn quite a lot about breaking news in the world of beekeeping science, methods of pest control, and general beekeeping practices around the world. Quite a treat!

## Member to Member

**Q&A/Break:** All in attendance were able to discuss Peggy's winterization methods, Kimberlee's moisture quilts, and any other beekeeping questions they had.

## MEETING MOTIONS:

### Old Business Action Items

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#### 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: Kimberlee Kealiher / Second made: Ari Alvarez / Motion approved.

### New Business Action items

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#### Proposal to Change Meeting Day

**Discussion:** It was brought to the BYBK Association's attention that some members might find it more convenient to have the meetings changed to Friday evening.

**Motion:** To change our monthly meetings from Thursday night to Friday nights.

**Vote:** Motion to accept: Kurt Veeder / Second made: Kimberlee Kealiher / Motion denied; meetings will remain on the third Thursday of each month except November and December.

#### Advertising for Upcoming Beekeeper Classes

**Discussion:** In order to promote beekeeping in our local area and to inform the public of class availability, advertising will be required. Future classes will shift from a two day period to a three day period in order to meet the needs of its students. This means we will need to find a new class location. It was suggested that Pat McGinty speak with Duane Strong or Al Earl at the Clayton Fair Board in regards to a location. The following are a list of advertising options:

- Deer Park Tribune - \$45 a week
- Exchange/Nickel Nick - \$23 week
- Flyers in various public locations – printing costs
- Deer Park Library display case – free for a month
- Craigslist – free
- Farm/Agricultural Seminars taught by Ari Alvarez – free

It was decided that more research would be done and a vote regarding monetary allotment for advertising would be taken at the next meeting in January of 2016.

## NEXT MEETING AND COMMENTS:

### Discussion

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**January 21, 2016 Meeting Education Segment – Cleaning and using beeswax cappings by the Alvarez family - Ana, Maria, and Ari Jr.**

**Relevant Community Events –**

- Preparedness Expo on 10/18/15 at the Priest River Expo Center.
- Small Farms Conference in November at the Spokane Convention Center. More info to come.
- Train the Trainer Seminar in December with Jim Miller. Contact Ari Alvarez to attend.

**Motion to Adjourn –** Kermit Claussen / Second made: Josiah Hulings – Meeting adjourned 8:40PM

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# Treasury Report As Of September 2015

Reported on October 15, 2015

## Income:

June Memberships	\$400.00
July Memberships	\$95.00
August Memberships	\$130.00
September Memberships	<u>\$45.00</u>
	\$670.00

## Expenses:

Bank Membership Fee	(\$20.00)
Business Checks	(\$27.87)
Account Fee for September	<u>(\$6.25)</u>
	(\$54.12)

**Balance:** \$615.88

## Additional Income:

October Memberships	\$120.00
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**Overall:** \$735.88