

Backyard Beekeeping Association | MINUTES - IX

Meeting date | time 2/18/2016 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 and 4 filling out new attendee form and two visitors.

PRE-MEETING CONVERSATIONS

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:

Meeting Opener: *Pat McGinty*

Discussion: The formal 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 and first time attendees were introduced, officers were recognized and a reminder was given regarding sign in, class schedules, and important handouts.

MEETING EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION:

Topic: *Building Your Own Hive Bodies* | **Presenter** *Will Olson of Moose Meadow Apiaries*

Discussion: Will spoke to the Association about the different equipment he uses to house his bees and also taught us about the origin of the Langstroth hive model. Will presented us with numerous ways to feed our bees and the equipment he uses. For more information, please visit www.moosemeadowbeevents.blogspot.com.

Topic: *What’s Happening in the Hive?* | **Presenter** *Pat McGinty and Will Olson*

Discussion: Pat introduced our new portion of the meeting, “What’s Happening in the Hive?”. This time is for those who have a question about their hive and to discuss what is going on in various regions of our area. This month Will elaborated on his inner cover feeder and moisture quilt. He also talked about his upcoming trip to California and purchasing bees.

Member to Member

Q&A/Break: All in attendance were able to discuss any questions they had regarding hive equipment, set up, feeding equipment and purchasing bees with Will and the mentoring members.

MEETING MOTIONS:

Old Business Action Items

Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve previous meeting minutes.

Vote: Motion to accept: Kermit Claassen / Second made: Chrys Ostrander / Motion approved.

Treasurers Report

Motion: To approve treasurer's report.

Vote: Motion to accept: Kimberlee Kealiher / Second made: Chrys Ostrander / Motion approved.

New Business Action items

Apprentice Beekeeping Classes

- A. **Discussion:** It was confirmed that the Apprentice Beekeeping classes would be held at the Deer Park Senior Center; the DPSC will charge BYBK \$25 for each Saturday. The only downfall to the Senior Center was the limited media options, so two options were proposed by Pat McGinty:

1. The Association would purchase a projector (\$80) and portable screen (\$140) to view the classroom materials upon.

Motion: To authorize the Association a budget of \$250 to purchase the projector and portable screen.

Vote: Motion to accept: Chris Salcedo / Second made: Mike Gamble / Motion approved.

2. The Association would make a proposal to the Deer Park Senior Center Board to purchase a 46-50-inch flat screen TV (approximately \$500) for the Senior Center in return for 12 months of free usage of the facility. (This option would contingent upon the approval of the Senior Center Board of Trustees)

Motion: To authorize the Association a budget of \$500 to purchase a flat screen TV for the Senior Center contingent upon the Senior Center Board approval and in exchange for 12 months of free usage of the facility. Pat McGinty to draft the proposal and present it to the Senior Center Board.

Vote: Motion to accept: Will Olson / Second made: Chris Salcedo / Motion approved.

- B. **Discussion:** A concern was raised as to the space needed for the upcoming classes. With 21 people already signed up for the Apprentice Beekeeping classes, it was proposed that we cap the enrollment at 40 students.

Motion: To cap the enrollment for the Spring Apprentice Beekeeping class at 40.

Vote: Motion to accept: Ari Alvarez / Second made: Kermit Claassen / Motion approved.

- C. **Discussion:** The subject of providing snacks for the students at the Apprentice classes was proposed.

Motion: To authorize a \$50 budget for snacks, coffee and water to be provided for the students of the Apprentice classes.

Vote: Motion to accept: Kurt Veeder / Second made: Stephen Kraft / Motion approved.

- D. **Discussion:** Ari Alvarez proposed that the Association provide a copy of the WASBA Apprentice Beekeeping manual for each student enrolled in the class, up to 40 copies, with a budget of \$80 for the purchase.

Motion: To authorize a \$80 budget for purchasing Apprentice Beekeeping manuals which would be provided to each of the students enrolled in the Apprentice class.

Vote: Motion to accept: Chris Salcedo / Second made: Mike Gamble / Motion approved.

Advertising

Discussion: Pat McGinty reported that she used \$90 of the \$150 budget that was approved for class advertisement and that \$60 would be returned to the treasury.

UPDATES, NEXT MEETING INFORMATION AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

Discussion

Updates:

- A. Ari Alvarez posted a signup sheet for anyone working towards their Journeyman or Master certifications to volunteer as mentors for the new beekeepers.
- B. Ari Alvarez posted a signup sheet for anyone working towards their Journeyman or Master certifications to volunteer as teachers for the Apprentice Beekeeping classes in March.
- C. Pat McGinty and Ari Alvarez discussed the creation of membership cards for the members of the BYBK Association. Ari Alvarez informed the Association that he is adding a benefit member discount to any current member of the BYBK Association who shops at BeeManiacs.
- D. Congratulations and special thanks to Chris Salcedo and his family for creating such a wonderful display at the Library!
- E. Reminder that packages and nucs can still be purchased at BeeManiacs and through Will Olson at Moose Meadows.

Next Meeting Information: March 17th, 2016 at 6pm at the Deer Park Senior Center. The meeting education segment will feature Diane Stutzman who will share her knowledge of native plants that feed our bees. It will be followed by our usual "Member to Member" break and then on to the business meeting and annual elections. We will be filling the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one-year Board member. It's an excellent opportunity for certified Apprentice beekeepers of three years or more to earn points toward their Journeyman level and have some fun in the process.

Upcoming Events –

Motion to Adjourn – Ari Alvarez / Second made: Kurt Veeder – Meeting adjourned 8:42PM