

Backyard Beekeeping Association | MINUTES - X

Meeting date | time 3/17/2016 6:00 PM | Meeting location Deer Park Senior Center, Deer Park, WA

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

Attendees: 25
23 signed in and 2 filling out new attendee form

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 in our new location in the lower level of the Deer Park City Hall at 6:30 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: *Native Bee Plants* | Presenter *Diane Stutzman owner of Desert Jewels Nursery*

Discussion: Diane treated our members to a fantastic, informative talk and slide presentation on various native plants that are beneficial for pollinators, including honeybees, in our area. She invited everyone out to her Nursery to see the display gardens and the wide variety of plants that will keep our pollinators fed at least January to November.

Topic: *What's Happening in the Hive?* | Presenter *Pat McGinty*

Discussion: Pat introduced this new portion of the meeting, “What’s Happening in the Hive?”. This section of the meeting provides time for those who have a question about their hive and to discuss what is going on in various regions of our area. This month Pat provided the members with an interesting article entitled “The Snow Queen or How to listen to your Bees” from the Washington State Beekeepers Association Newsletter.

Member to Member

Q&A/Break: All in attendance were able to discuss any questions they had regarding native plants, pollinators, recent activity in hives and any other honeybee related topics.

MEETING MOTIONS:

[Old Business Action Items](#)

Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve previous meeting minutes.

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

Treasurers Report

Motion: To approve treasurer's report.

Vote: Motion to accept: Steve Price / Second made: Mike Gambell / Motion approved.

Membership Cards

As discussed in previous meetings, Kurt Veeder will have membership cards for all paid members of the BYBK Association.

New Location

The BYBK Association will continue to meet at the Deer Park Senior Center (lower level of the Deer Park City Hall) through the October 2016 meeting. At such time, the membership will discuss the cost and possible new location for the January 2017 meeting.

Basic Beekeeping Classes (Apprentice Classes)

The Basic Beekeeping Classes were a success. The next round of classes will be held in the fall of 2016.

Media Budget Amendment

Due to the return of the originally budgeted equipment, the cost of the projector and screen increased by \$27.00.

Motion: To approve the increase in the media budget.

Vote: Motion to accept: Kurt Veeder / Second made: Kimberlee Kealiher / Motion approved.

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Election of New Board Member and Officers

President – Pat McGinty

Vice President – Letitia Kronenberg

Secretary – Peggy Clemons

Treasury – Kurt Veeder

3 Year Board Member – Stephen Price

UPDATES, NEXT MEETING INFORMATION AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

Discussion

Announcements:

- A. Package Day for Will Olson's bees is April 9th at BeeManiacs.
- B. Package Day for Ari Alvarez's bees is April 16th at BeeManiacs.
- C. Anyone interested in nucs, please see Adam Manson after the meeting.

Next Meeting Information: April 21st, 2016 at 6pm at the Deer Park Senior Center. The meeting education segment will feature longtime commercial beekeeper, Bob Arnold, sharing his knowledge of NUCS and splitting hives. It will be followed by our usual "Member to Member" break and then on to the business meeting.

Upcoming Events –

Motion to Adjourn – Jim Long / Second made: Steve Price – Meeting adjourned 8:32PM