

## Backyard Beekeeping Association Minutes

Date: July 21, 2016 - 6:30-8:30 pm - Deer Park Senior Center, 316 E Crawford

Type: monthly

Facilitator: Tish Kronenberg

Secretary: Peggy Clemons

Attendees signed in: 43

Tish Kronenberg - provided a number of excellent resource books for individuals interested in BeeKeeping

### Acknowledgements

A. Bee Article in Capitol Press Ag Paper June 3, 2016 titled "Beekeepers struggle to keep AG buzzing" The article covers the multitude of factors combining to weaken our colonies and what it is being done in the form of research and activism to save the bees. Ultimately it is a question of what foods we want to continue to have available to us if care is not given to the plight of the bees.

B. Bee Article in Inlander June 16, 2016 was in the Culture section and highlighted beekeepers, Rob and Chelsea McFarland's beekeeping experience; some of which has resulted in the book, *Save the Bees with Natural Backyard Beehives*, and a non-profit organization called *HoneyLove*.

Meeting opened at 6:30 pm by welcoming new members and first time visitors

What AM I Looking For??

Conversation related to competition among pollinators - bumblebee vs honey bee vs wasps

Educational Presentation: Pat McGinty - Honey Extraction

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Approve Previous Minutes from June

MTA- Steve Price

Second-Chris Salcedo

Approved

Treasure's Report:

Beginning Balance \$1234.86 Deposits \$40.00 Ending Balance \$1051.24 (as of 7/7/16)

MTA - Dennis Whiteman

Second - Chris Salcedo

Approved

Update on Liability Insurance

Liberty Mutual \$300.00 annual

Policy has arrived and been given to Secretary, Peggy Clemons

Bee Calendar 2017

A call for the formation of a committee to research and assemble a Bee calendar to sell to bee club members

Chris Salcedo and Gretchen Koenig volunteered to co-chair. Thank you Chris and Gretchen

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Washington State Beekeepers Association (WASBA) has a newsletter that includes articles from bee clubs around Washington State. A call was made for a reporter to write and submit a monthly article from the Backyard Beekeepers Association.

Kim Kealiher and Will Moore volunteered to co-author the submission from our club. Thank you Kim and Will

Tax Exempt Status for Backyard Beekeepers Association

Discussion led by Ari Alvarez

One time \$400.00 fee to file

Gives the club Federal Non-profit status

Donations made to the club would be tax-exempt for the donors

Club might have to pay federal taxes depending on the amount of yearly income less expenses

MTA- Pat McGinty

Second - Chris Salcedo

Approved (2 votes against)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Washington State Fair State Honey Competition information is available to interested members and can be picked up at the table by the door or go to [thefair.com](http://thefair.com). Entries must be done before 10 pm on August 28.

Fall and Spring Basic Beekeeping Classes announced by Kim Kealiher, Education Chair

Fall Dates – Saturday, October 8, 15, 22, 2016 – held at the Deer Park Senior Center

Spring Dates – Saturday, March 11, 18, 25, 2017 – location to be announced

Registration at Bee Maniacs or online at the Backyard Beekeepers website at

<http://newbeekeepers.us/Classes/>

Still a deal at \$30 per person (plus a 50 cent fee if using PayPal)

Next Meeting: August 18, 2016 – doors open at 6:15 pm

Education segment:

Mite Treatment and Bee Disease Review

2016 Planned Meetings 3rd Thursday of Month

Sept 22

Oct 20

Motion to Adjourn: Bill Moore

Second - Steve Price

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm