

Backyard Beekeeper's Association / Minutes

Date: August 18, 2016 - 6:30-8:30pm 2016 - Deer Park Senior Center, 316 E. Crawford

Type: monthly

Facilitator: Tish Kronenberg, Vice President

Secretary: Peggy Clemons

Attendees signed in: 40

Acknowledgements

Apprentice Certifications – no one was present to receive certificates

What AM I Looking At? – a list of sites about mite checking and types of miticides

Conversation: Yellow Jacket populations seem to be on an increase in some areas of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. Review of the yellow jacket trap suggested by Sandy Fanara in her presentation on yellow jackets and wasps.

Educational Presentation: Varroa Mite Controls

Panel: Kim Kealiher, Ari Alvarez, Bob Arnold, Vic Perger, DVM, and Tish Kronenberg

Kim - spoke on Varroa Destructor, the mite that many think is largely responsible for Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD)

Ari – Various Miticide products review

Bob – Specifically spoke about Apistan, Apivar, HopGuard II, Mite Away II, Thymol Gel, Apiguard, and a bee sample collection method. He also added his views on Oxalic Acid

Vic - Oxalic Acid Hive Treatment – the latest and perhaps less invasive method of mite control; has been used by beekeepers in Canada for some time. Vic spoke about the procedure, advantages and disadvantages, and supplied an excellent handout.

Tish Kronenberg spoke about her experience with Oxalic Acid to include the procedure she uses and the outcomes compared to other mite treatments she has tried.

Overall the general consensus was that Oxalic Acid is a very good way to successfully treat and greatly lessen the mite population in bee hives.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve Previous Minutes from July 2016

Motion to Approve- Chris Salcedo

Second- Kurt Veeder

Approved unanimously

Treasures Report: Beginning Balance \$1234.86 Deposits \$40.00 Ending Balance

\$1,044.99 as of 7/31/16

Motion to approve - Jim Long

Second - Gretchen Koenig

Approved unanimously

Report on Field Day- Saturday, July 23, 2016

Pat McGinty reported that after re-scheduling from the original date due to rain and working around the Deer Park Settlers Day event, 41 beekeepers were in attendance at our 2nd Annual Backyard Beekeepers Field Day. Bob Arnold did an excellent job on hive maintenance and mite control; Ari Alvarez amazed us with his knowledge of different hives and working gloveless around the bees. Ari Junior and Maria regaled us with the particulars of extracting honey. A very successful learning experience on all levels for new and experienced beekeepers alike.

Special thanks to Bee Maniacs for hosting, and Bob Arnold and the Alvarez Family for so generously sharing their time and expertise with those in attendance.

2017 Bee Calendar Committee Report

Chris Salcedo and Gretchen Koenig - discussion on cost, budget and timeline for 100 calendars -

Motion to table until 2017 for a 2018 calendar made by Vic Perger

Second - Trudy Barker

Approved

Tee Shirt sale discussion led by Kim Kealiher. Logo is in process with a local graphic designer; Pat will check on her progress.

A second motion was made by Pat McGinty for the calendar committee to look into doing T-shirts for 2016.

Second - Ari Alvarez

Approved

WASBA Newsletter Report

Kim Kealiher submitted the Field Day review which will be available in the September Washington State Beekeepers Association Newsletter

Association Tax Exempt Status -

Ari Alvarez reported the Club qualifies for a reduction in the original cost for the 501.3c status. Instead of \$500 it is estimated to be \$275.00.

Process pending completion

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on Association meeting location -

It is time to renew our agreement with the Deer Park Senior Center to use their facility for meetings and classes in 2017. Their Board had mention the rate could be raised from \$25 per use to \$50 per use. The question was whether or not the membership was will to stay at the higher rental rate.

Motion to stay at the Deer Park Senior Center - Steve Price

Second -Rachel Nyborg

Approved

October 2016 Meeting Potluck and Honey Tasting –

Planning and implementation for the 1st Annual Backyard Beekeepers Association Harvest Dinner and Honey Tasting needs to get underway. A call was placed for a committee to organize the menu list and shopping. President Pat McGinty offered to do it for 2016 only with the help of member Gretchen Koenig.

Motion to approve - Kim Kealiher

Second - Cara Hagen

Approved

Backyard Beekeepers presence at local events such as the Settlers Parade and Clayton Fair 2017

Ari Alvarez suggested this would be a good way for the public to get to know more about bees and our Association.

Lori Roberts offered to head a committee to research local events in 2017, set up a calendar, and arrange for volunteers for various events.

Motion to approve - Chris Salcedo

Second - Jim Long

Approved

Permaculture Convergence - Tum Tum, Wa. September 9 - 11, 2016

Ari Alvarez suggested a Speakers Bureau be added to the organization to have bee folks available to talk about bees at local events. The Permaculture Convergence would be the current need. See Ari if you are available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Sound Beekeepers Association Speaker

Michael Palmer Oct. 22, 2016 10:00 - 12:00

Silverdale, Wa

WestSoundBees.org

Kim Kealiher will see if webcast of speaker available

Fall and Spring Basic Beginner Beekeeping Classes-

Announced by Kim Kealiher

Fall Dates October 8, 15, 22 Deer Park Senior Center

Spring Dates March 11, 18, 25 Location pending

Registration at Bee Maniacs

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

It is time to advertise our Basic Beekeeping classes on Facebook, Craigslist, The Inlander, and the Deer Park Tribune.

Motion for \$125.00 Advertising Budget made by Ari Alvarez

Second - Kurt Veeder

Approved

Deer Park Library Display

Chris Salcedo and family have reserved the Deer Park Library display case in January 2017.

They would like to collect beekeeping items for the display and would return them at the end of January. See Chris if you have something you could loan for the display.

Next Meeting: September 15 2016, at 6:15

September 15, 2016 Education Segment

Winter Hive Preparation and Feeding Options - Peggy Clemons

Motion for adjournment Kim Kealiher

Second - Jim Long

Vote Approved

Meeting Adjourned 8:45

2016 Planned Meetings Third Thursday of Month through October 20, 2016