

Backyard Beekeeper's Association Minutes

Date: Sept 15, 2016 - 6:30-8:15pm - Deer Park Senior Center, 316 E. Crawford

Type: monthly

Facilitator: Pat McGinty

Secretary: Peggy Clemons

Attendees signed in: 37

Acknowledgements

A big "Thank You" and round of applause for Kim Kealiher and her excellent article in the Washington State Beekeepers September Newsletter; a great article, with pictures, of the club's second annual Field Day.

The handouts for tonight's class can be found on the table as you come in the door. They will also be emailed out in the next day or two.

What AM I Looking At?

Education Director, Kim Kealiher, did another great job of providing reminders, websites, and YouTube tutorials on what it takes to help our bees get through Winter. This will be emailed to the general membership later this week.

Educational Presentation:

Member Peggy Clemons, once again, did a fantastic job of sharing her method of getting her bees through Winter. She also went over Winter Preparation checklist to help us remember all the little details of being a good beekeeper.

OLD BUSINESS

President Pat McGinty called for approval of the minutes from the August 2016 meeting. Member Gretchen Koenig noted she volunteered to help with the October Harvest Dinner and Honey Tasting and it was not listed in the minutes so a correction was made. Pat then called for approval of the corrected minutes.

Motion to approve - Jim Long

Second- Vaughn Hochhalter

Approved

Treasurer, Kurt Veeder, could not be in attendance at the meeting but sent the report which was read by the President.

- Beginning Balance - \$1,044.99
- Deposits - \$115.09
- Withdrawals - \$12.50
- Outstanding Checks - \$218.25
- Ending Balance – \$929.33

Motion to Approve - Jim Long

Second -Michael Gambell

Approved

Bee Club T-Shirt

Committee Report: Gretchen Koenig reported she had not been in contact with co-chair, Chris Salcedo, so could not give a complete report. Still need decision on t-shirt design and how many colors. Myrlhlee Salcedo has offered to complete the logo.

Association Tax Exempt Status -

Ari Alvarez was not present so no further update was available.

Renewal of Deer Park Senior Center

The Deer Park Senior Center Board has approved the Backyard Beekeepers Association meetings and classes for 2017. The rental will remain at \$25 per use.

October 20th Potluck and Honey Tasting

The Backyard Beekeepers Association will supply the main dishes of ham and chicken. A sign-up sheet was circulated for the membership to supply side dishes, desserts, condiments, and beverages. Everyone was reminded that this is also a honey tasting, so bring a sample of your honey with a 3x5 card with the general location of your hives and any special information you would like to include.

NEW BUSINESS

Webpage format

Kim Kealiher shared how our club is growing and the training we want to make available to members will require a new website format. Chrys Ostrander, BYBK webmaster, will be working over the Winter to make our site more dynamic and user friendly.

Cooperative events

Education Director, Kim Kealiher, has been busy making contacts with local and state-wide bee clubs in an effort to present timely information from the beekeeping community.

The West Sound Beekeepers Association's speaker, Mike Palmer, is set for Oct. 22, 2016 - 10:00 - 12:00 in Silverdale, Washington. Since many of us won't be able to attend, President Pat pointed out that many of Palmer's previous presentations are available on YouTube. If you are interested in going to the presentation in Silverdale you can get more information at WestSoundBees.org

Additionally Kim is working on the following events for 2017:

- McFarland's Honey Love with West Plains
- Long Hive Webinar with Jon Edwards (Feb. 2017)
- Vaughn & Hope Hochhalter - Flow Hive
- Sarah Kirkpatrick - Electronic Hive Monitoring

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall and Spring Basic Beginner Beekeeping Classes

- Fall Dates October 8, 15, 22 Deer Park Senior Center
- Spring Dates March 11, 18, 25 Deer Park Senior Center

Registration at Bee Maniacs or online at <http://newbeekeepers.us/Classes/>

October 20, 2016 Education Segment
Over Wintering The Bee Hive - Bob Arnold
Rendering Bees Wax - Tish Kronenberg

Motion to adjourn - Jim Long
Second - Kim Kealiher
Approved
Meeting Adjourned 8:15

Next Meeting: October 20 2016, at 6:15

2017 Planned Meetings Third Thursday of Month

January 19
February 16
March 16
April 20
May 18
June 15
July 20
August 17
September 21
October 19
No meeting in November or December

Tentative Dates for Basic Beekeeping classes 2017

March 2017 - 11, 18, 25 - 9 am to 1 pm

October 2017 - 7, 14, 21 - 9 am to 1 pm