

Backyard Beekeeping Association | MINUTES - III

Meeting date | time 6/18/2015 6:00 PM | Meeting location Bug N Out, Deer Park, WA

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

Attendees:
24 signed in or filling out new attendee form.

MEETING INTRODUCTION:

Meeting Opener: *Pat McGinty*

Discussion: Meeting opened at 6:40 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. Opening prayer lead by Eric Sims. New attendees, officers and board members introduced.

MEETING EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION:

Topic: *Mentor List Organization and Member to Member Q&A* | Presenter *Ari Alvarez*

Discussion: Adam Manson, Bob Arnold, Pat McGinty, Steve Peterson, Stephen Kraft, Kermit Claussen, Kimberlee Kealiher, Kurt Veeder and Ari Alvarez each talked briefly about their style of beekeeping and expressed interest in becoming mentors. A mentor signup sheet was presented and offered to all interested. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss various beekeeping styles.

MEETING MOTIONS:

Meeting Minutes Action Item

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve previous meeting minutes.

Vote: Motion to accept: Kermit Claussen / Second made: Kimberlee Kealiher / Motion approved.

Old Business Action items

A. Mission Statement

Motion: Motion to accept the Mission Statement. “The mission of the Backyard Beekeeping Association is to promote the art and technique of beekeeping through education and support of small scale backyard hobbyist beekeepers and interested non-beekeepers.”

Vote: Motion to accept: Ari Alvarez / Second made: Bob Arnold / Motion approved.

B. Logo Submissions

Motion: Due to the lack of submissions, the logo deadline has been extended for one more month.

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

New Business Action items

A. Washington State Beekeepers Association Listing

Comments: The Backyard Beekeepers Association was successfully listed in Area 6 by Ari Alvarez; we are now one of three local beekeeping Associations; the other two are Inland Empire Beekeepers Association and West Plains Beekeepers Association. (Supporting documentation attached to original copy of meeting minutes and filed accordingly.)

No vote needed.

B. Establishing BYBKA Bank Account

Comments: Kurt Veeder, Treasurer, discussed the costs of opening the account and it was suggested that Horizon Credit Union was the most economical and local for the Association's needs.

Vote: Motion to open account: Steve Peterson / Second by: Eric Sims / Motion approved.

C. Approval of Stamp Expenditure

Comments: Stamps for "Receipt Header" and "For Deposit" are needed. The expense incurred would be \$115.

Vote: Motion to approve expenditure: Kimberlee Kealiher / Second by: Kermit Claussen / Motion approved.

D. Media

1. Facebook

Comments: Pat McGinty discussed and created a committee for the upkeep of our Facebook page. Suggested that Diane Lukas and Kimberlee Kealiher form the Facebook Committee.
(<http://www.facebook.com/backyardbeekeepersassociation>)

2. Website

a) Domain Name

Comments: Steve Kraft was asked to create and maintain the Association's website, blog and forum. Many URL's were discussed and it was suggested that Pat and Steve decide upon the domain name.

b) Estimated Cost

Comments: The cost to host the URL would be estimated at \$14 a year. It was suggested that we budget for \$50 a year to cover all website related costs.

Vote: Motion to approve domain name decision and website expenditures: Kurt Veeder / Second by: John Siebert / Motion approved.

NEXT MEETING AND COMMENTS:

Discussion

Logo Contest Reminder – Email Pat McGinty or drop off submission at Bug N Out with Eric Sims. The Board and Officers will judge the winner.

Future Educational Debate – Pat McGinty suggested that we have a guest speaker, Lori Pyne, come to speak to us about the testing conclusions regarding the use of neonicotinoides and their effect on our honey bees. Bob Arnold requested that we also invite someone from WSU to counter/debate the findings. Ari Alvarez, Head of the Educational Committee, volunteered to coordinate and schedule the event.

Motion to Adjourn – Victor Davis / Second made: Chris Salcedo / 100% approval – Meeting adjourned 8:20PM