

# Backyard Beekeeping Association | MINUTES - V

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Meeting date | time 8/20/2015 6:00 PM | Meeting location Deer Park Library, Deer Park, WA

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

Attendees:  
24 signed in with 7 filling out new attendee form.

## PRE-MEETING CONVERSATIONS:

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Topic: *Bottling and Selling Honey* | Presenter Kimberlee Kealiher

**Discussion:** Kimberlee Kealiher spoke about how to obtain a business license and tax ID number, the various ways to bottle honey, the local options to sell your honey, and the Department of Agriculture guidelines for selling honey in the state of Washington. Handout emailed to member mailing list and attached to meeting minutes.

## MEETING INTRODUCTION:

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Meeting Opener: *Pat McGinty*

**Discussion:** Meeting opened at 6:32 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 were introduced, officers were recognized and a reminder was made regarding sign in and class schedules.

## MEETING EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION:

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Topic: *Bee Feeding Options* | Presenter Kevin Oldenburg (*West Plains Beekeeping Association*)

**Discussion:** Kevin is a chemist and he talked about a bee feeding test study he performed on hives located in Medical Lake and Cheney. He hypothesized that feeding bees a “nectar” compound that he created which mimics natural nectar would be more beneficial and healthier for the bees. He feed his test subjects “nectar”, sugar water, essential oils and a “nectar”-essential oil mix. His findings were very interesting. Kevin hopes to recreate this test again in order to validate his research.

### Member to Member

**Q&A/Break:** All in attendance were able to discuss Kevin’s findings, Kimberlee’s options for bottling and selling honey, and any other beekeeping questions they had.

## MEETING MOTIONS:

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### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** To approve previous meeting minutes.

**Vote:** Motion to accept: Kris Salcedo / Second made: Stephen Kraft / Motion approved.

## Old Business Action items

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### A. Media

1. **BYBKA Website** – Steven Kraft will continue working on the website. The site address or domain name is [www.newbeekeepers.us](http://www.newbeekeepers.us). The forum and blog will link to the previously mentioned home page.
2. **Facebook** – The attending were also encouraged to visit and post any bee or beekeeping related information on our Facebook page located at [www.facebook.com/backyardbeekeepersassociation](http://www.facebook.com/backyardbeekeepersassociation).

### B. Brand

**Logo Contest** – A logo was chosen by the Board and Officers and is now in production. Once completed, it will be unveiled and used on the clubs various media.

## New Business Action items

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### Upcoming BYBKA Events:

#### A. Field Trip – September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

All interested will meet at BeeManiacs in Deer Park at 10am. Then we will travel to Bob Arnold's commercial bee yard to view a commercial set up. After, we will travel back to BeeManiacs for some instruction and conversation on hive structure, feeding and over-wintering your hives. The field trip should end between 1pm and 2pm with no business meeting after.

#### B. Basic Beekeeping Classes – October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 9am to 1pm both days

This class is open to anyone interested in bees or beekeeping. The cost is \$30, pre-registration is required, and we will be meeting at the Deer Park Library from 10am to 2:30pm.

## NEXT MEETING AND COMMENTS:

### Discussion

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**Next Meetings Education** – Peggy Clemens to discuss “Winter Preparation Peggy’s Way”. Possible holiday honey tasting and dessert offering as well.

#### Relevant Community Events –

- “Heart Songs” outside of Tum-Tum, September 10-13<sup>th</sup>, is a permaculture event with a suggested \$70 donation to attend. For more information please see our Facebook page or go to [www.inlandnorthwestpermaculture.com](http://www.inlandnorthwestpermaculture.com).
- Small Farms Conference in November at the Spokane Convention Center. More info to come.

**Motion to Adjourn** – Kimberlee Kealiher / Second made: Ari Alvarez – Meeting adjourned 8:33PM