

West Sound Beekeepers Association Minutes
Board meeting
Stedman's Bee Supply, Silverdale WA
June 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Quorum Present: Board Members George Purkett, Larry & Gerry Carbaugh, Bob & Janet Finley, Debra Langley-Boyer, and Brenda Smith. A large number of club members were also present.

The minutes from the May meeting were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Finley

- The WSBA bank balance stands at \$19,904.41, including available funds in checking of \$11,502.49, the savings account of \$3,891.54, and the Money Market reserve fund of \$4,510.38.
- The Treasurer expressed concern that club apiary expenses from supporting donated packages of bees by Stedmans and the introduction of new 8-frame equipment in the Apiary has substantially exceeded the Apiary budgetary line item. He is therefore unable to reimburse outstanding receipts without Board approval.
- A motion was moved by Larry Carbaugh to increase the Apiary line item by \$3150 with a cautionary statement that future expenditures must be in accordance to the WSBA bylaws. Motion seconded by Janet Finley. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

APIARY MANAGER'S REPORT: Brenda Smith

- The Apiary has 21 viable honeybee colonies and many have been installed in new 8-frame equipment. The purpose of changing from 10-frame to 8-frame equipment is to reduce the weight of the boxes when inspecting hives.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: George Purkett

- Discussion of the benefits of 8-frame boxes vice 10-frame boxes.
- George began teaching a six-week beginning beekeeper course at the Corrections Center for Women in Gig Harbor. The club voted last month a budget to provide certain tools, books, and equipment to support their apiary.
- A local Boy Scout event on July 7 in Gig Harbor requests a demonstration of beekeeping information. Discussion on who is willing to support the event.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Larry Carbaugh

No report

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Janet Finley

- The June newsletter was digitally distributed on June 1, 2017 to 289 subscribers.
- A meeting reminder email was sent on June 13 to all members.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Sophi Gwynne

- The dates for volunteer opportunities in the WSBA Apiary has been expanded and a flyer has been distributed to members for their participation.
- A sign-in book to record volunteer hours has been provided and will be kept in the Apiary shed.

AGENDA ITEMS/GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- **TOPIC 1: Old Business:**
 - 16 WSBA club t-shirts have been delivered through the promotional campaign with errors. The company will send new, corrected t-shirts to those who ordered.
- **TOPIC 2: Bylaws Update Committee**
 - Debra Langley-Boyer, Frank Wilson, and Janet Finley reviewed the WSBA bylaws and recommended changes were discussed. A marked-up version of the new proposed bylaws will be distributed for Board review.
- **TOPIC 3: Palmer Queens**
 - 32 Queen bees have been ordered through Michael Palmer's French Hill Apiaries in St. Albans, Vermont, and are due to arrive in Bremerton on June 21. Discussion of cost and budget overruns. The decision was made to sell the Palmer Queens to WSBA club members in good standing on a first come, first served basis for \$40 per Queen or \$150 per 5-frame nuc with frame exchange.
 - Jerry Hominda has donated cardboard nuc boxes.
 - Secretary Janet Finley will advertise availability of the Palmer Queens on the WSBA Facebook page, Yahoo discussion page, and through a club-wide email blast.
 - Treasurer Bob Finley will pick up the Queens from the post office and will be the central point for distribution.
 - Offer to reserve a Queen ends June 23, 2017 at 8 PM.
 - Any unclaimed Palmer Queens will revert to the WSBA and will be managed at the discretion of the Apiary Manager.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M. as members filed into the room for the general membership meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. The room was filled to capacity.

Brenda Smith distributed nametags; new attendees provided contact information and were furnished with a nametag. Those renewing their membership submitted checks to the Treasurer. President George Purkett greeted newcomers.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sophia Gwynne discussed volunteer opportunities in the Apiary.
- WSBA picnic August 19 from 12-4 PM at the home of Janet and Bob Finley located at 3268 Old Sawmill Place NW, Bremerton, WA 98312.
- Brenda Smith discussed volunteer opportunities at the club booth during the upcoming Kitsap County Fair August 23-27.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Pros and cons on bee feeding practices, upcoming nectar flows, experiencing and catching swarms, who has available equipment or hives for sale, and general discussion on general beekeeping experiences.

PRESENTATION: Master Gardener Shaari Unger provided a slide show and discussion on how to garden to support honeybees. Native plants that provide pollen and/or nectar at various times of the growing season are the best recommendations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.
Minutes submitted by Janet Finley