

West Sound Beekeepers Association Minutes
Board Meeting
Stedman's Bee Supply, Silverdale WA
July 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Quorum Present: President Sophi Gwynne, Vice President George Purkett, Treasurer Bob Finley, Secretary Janet Finley; and Trustees Joe Gwynne, and Lucia Olson. Also attending was Member David Leger.

The minutes from the June 11, 2018 Board meeting were accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Sophi Gwynne

- The new WSBA website is up and running, being managed by Joe Gwynne, Janet Finley, and others. The final step is to deactivate the old website. George Purkett is the only one authorized to cancel the old site.
- A 18-month calendar for 2019 is nearing the printing stage, and we hope to have available for sale at The Kitsap Country Fair and Stampede in August. We will need to partner with another group's booth in the retail area as no sales are permitted in the Presidents' Hall where our WSBA booth will be displayed.
- There will be no monthly meeting during the month of August. Instead there will be a potluck WSBA Member & Family picnic at the home of Bob and Janet Finley in Bremerton. The date and time of the event will be August 18 from 12:00-4:00 PM.
- Shaari Unger has indicated a willingness to step aside as Education Committee Chair because of her busy schedule. Co-Chair Darlene Stiffey will be assisted by Sophi Gwynne and Janet Finley.
- Brenda Smith has organized and will staff with volunteers the WSBA Informational Booth at the upcoming Kitsap County Fair from August 22-26. Brenda has shouldered this responsibility for several years, presented a wonderful display on beekeeping, and the Kitsap County Fair Committee has formally awarded her efforts. Our thanks to Brenda Smith.
- A new "Train the Trainer" course has been developed by the Washington State Beekeeper's Association in conjunction with their updated Education Committee materials and requirements. Unfortunately, those materials will not be available prior to our February Beginning Beekeepers Course. Our WSBA Education Committee will meet to select and support our speakers.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: George Purkett

- George has agreed to discuss with the Stedman family about a formal agreement for the WSBA's use of their property. As of yet there has been no rental fee, paperwork, or clear understanding of our permission to operate our Association activities there.

- George's training of inmates at the Mission Creek Correctional Center in beekeeping practices is going well, and he will be introducing a two-session Queen Rearing class. To support the outreach, George requested funding for needed equipment in the amount of \$200.

MOTION: To establish a new line item in the WSBA budget for Educational Outreach. Initial funding of this line item will be \$300.

Motion moved, seconded, and carried unanimously.

APIARY MANAGER'S REPORT: George Purkett

- Following the successful Queen Rearing Course our Apiary is queen-rich, and we have perhaps too many colonies to manage.
- Michael Palmer's recent health crisis and his inability to send 32 Vermont queens as he did last year means that we as a club will not be assembling nucs from our colonies and Palmer's queens. Therefore, George will be assembling and selling single home-grown queens and nuc using them.
- Hive tracks information and physical labels are up to date.

SECRETARY REPORT: Janet Finley

- Discussion of the various methods available to dispense information to our members through flyers, two Facebook pages, the new website, online calendars, Mail Chimp emails, and the monthly newsletter. Response has been good, reservations have been made, and the membership feels fully informed on events and opportunities for learning.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Finley

- The total of WSBA funds at the end of June stands at \$21,800.54 spread between savings, checking, and Marketfund accounts, although checks in the amount of \$1,960.93 are still outstanding and anticipated. Receipts are expected for reimbursement for recent classes, equipment, and other approved purchases.
- The Audit Committee of Gordon Cromwell and John Sasser will inspect the Treasurer's financial records in September.
- The Treasurer's report was accepted.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

- Sophi Gwynne discussed appropriate agricultural insurance for the WSBA, a topic of much concern for our Board, and an agent with Mutual of Enumclaw has quoted a yearly policy at between \$500-\$1500 depending on the coverage.
- Recommended by the Insurance Agent:
 - Signage of potential risk of injury and waiver from liability should be posted clearly in the Apiary area. Language of the signs should follow Senate Bill ESSB 5808 wording:

“WARNING: Under Washington State law, there is limited liability for an injury to or death of a participant in an agritourism activity conducted at this agritourism location if such an injury or death results exclusively from the inherent risks of the agritourism activity. Inherent risks of agritourism activities include, among others, risks of injury inherent to land, equipment, and animals, as well as the potential for you to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to your injury or death. We are required to ensure that in any activity involving minor children, only age-appropriate access to activities, equipment, and animals is permitted. You are assuming the risk of participating in this agritourism activity.”

- Membership forms and class registrations should include a notice of risk and a waiver for each member and participant to sign.

MOTION: To acquire agricultural insurance for the West Sound Beekeepers Association and its Apiary at a yearly cost not to exceed \$2000.

Motion moved, seconded, and carried unanimously.

MOTION: To purchase appropriate signs for the WSBA Apiary as recommended by Washington State Senate Bill ESSB 5808 and Mutual of Enumclaw at a cost not to exceed \$100.

Motion moved, seconded, and carried unanimously.

Board meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Finley,
WSBA Secretary