

West Sound Beekeepers Association Minutes
Board Meeting
Hops & Drops Restaurant, Silverdale WA 98383
February 18, 2019

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

Quorum Present: President Sophi Gwynne, Treasurer Bob Finley, Secretary Janet Finley; and Trustees Joe Gwynne, Darlene Stiffey. Also present: George Purkett, David Leger, Larry Carbaugh, and Gerry Carbaugh.

The minutes from the January 21, 2019 Board Meeting were accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Sophi Gwynne

- The liability insurance policy premium has been paid and coverage is in place. We are awaiting the final policy packet for our records.
- HB-1133-2019-20 "Limiting Liability for Registered Apiarists" is currently moving through the Washington State Legislature and nearing a vote by State Senate. We support this bill and hope it will be placed in effect.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dana Schack

- Dana Schack and Gordon Cromwell would like to reach out to the general membership with a poll to ask what topics would be of interest for acquiring speakers. A Survey Monkey poll from last year will be reviewed, and an article will be submitted for the March newsletter.
- A hive stand building class will be offered for the cost of materials with sign up sheets to be made available during the Beginning Beekeeper Course sessions. A Sunday prior to Package Day is tentatively slated for the class.

SECRETARY REPORT: Janet Finley

- 93 students have registered for the Beginning Beekeeper Course, and announcements have been posted on our website, Facebook page, and social media. Many registrants have prepaid.
- The storage cabinet has arrived, but inclement weather has delayed installation at Stedman's. A combination lock box will be available for access to a key to unlock the cabinet.
- Because of the over-saturation of the Stedman's parking lot, the location for the February 19 general membership meeting has been planned for the Jackson Scout Hall, 9161 Washington Ave NW, Silverdale. This may be a good long-term solution to our overcrowded conditions as meeting attendance exceeds comfortable seating at Stedman's. The cost of the rental is \$60, with a year's rental contract having a two-month discount for a total of \$600. We will gather input from the membership at the meeting.

MOTION: To rent the Jackson Scout Hall for the February 19 general membership meeting at an expense of \$60. The motion was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved.

- The Silverdale United Methodist Church has rescheduled two sessions of our Beginning Beekeeper Course to a different, smaller room. The Fellowship Hall will barely hold our attendees, and there is a question of whether we will be charged the full amount (\$100 per night) for the gym rental if we, in fact, aren't provided with that space. The 2020 Beginning Beekeepers Course may be more cost effective if held at the Jackson Scout Hall in the future.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Finley

- Total of WSBA funds at the end of January stands at \$18,028.04, although checks in the amount of \$ 1,754.80 and deposits of \$1,195.00 are still outstanding.
- Discussion on Washington State's requirement for charging sales tax on the sales of queens and nuc colonies. The idea of holding an education course where the result of completion is a queen or nuc was discussed as the best way to achieve the educational goal.
- An organized method for tracking sales of queens and nucs was discussed.
- A "Square" device has been purchased and put into service for debit and credit card transactions. A 5% convenience charge will be applied to all transactions. Janet will design a poster to notify of the service and the fee.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Three members have registered to take the Accelerated Beginning Beekeeper Course. Materials have been distributed to each, and one has successfully completed his testing packet.
- Joe Gwynne has assembled the appropriate sound equipment to support the Beginning Beekeeper Course. It will be tested at the rehearsal event on Saturday, February 23 at 9 AM. Discussion on supplies, ladders, and equipment to bring.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A Bylaws Committee will be formed in the summer to compare with Washington State Beekeepers bylaws and to reflect correct language. Sophi will have an attorney friend review the proposed changes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM. The next meeting of the Board will be March 18, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Finley, WSBA Secretary