

West Sound Beekeepers Association Minutes
Board meeting
Stedman's Bee Supply, Silverdale WA
January 17, 2017

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

Present: George Purkett, Larry & Gerry Carbaugh, Bob & Janet Finley, Brenda Smith, and Charles Schaefer.

The minutes of the Nov. 16, 2016 meeting were accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- George reported that he attended and spoke at the screening of the film, *Vanishing of the Bees* at the "Meaningful Movie Night" event in Gig Harbor. He has received requests from the public library in Port Orchard for beginning beekeeping classes (an overview) and from the Girl Scouts of Belfair for a speaker. Brenda Smith and Don Lorimar recently presented beekeeping information at an evening science fair event at Olalla Elementary School.
- The WSBA website has been updated with fresh contact information for the officers, 2017 membership forms, and upcoming events fliers.
- A motion was made and seconded that with each paid WSBA membership and purchase of a package of bees from Stedman's Bee Supplies this spring included, at the association's expense, will be an Apistan strip and instructions for use to control Varroa mites. Motion carried.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The details of the annual apprentice beekeeping course have been set with the location of Silverdale United Methodist Church on Silverdale Way. Classes will run from 6-8:00 P.M. for six weeks beginning February 28 and ending April 4. The cost of the course will be \$60 and a one year membership in the WSBA will be included. Additional family members taking the course will pay an additional \$5 for the Washington State certification test.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- WSBA funds stand at \$16,642.73 with income from membership dues, proceeds from the Christmas party silent auction, and the sale of a Beekeeping Journeyman's handbook.
- The adjusted price for the Michael Palmer seminar DVD set is now \$20.

APIARY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jean Ball was not in attendance, but communicated that because of her busy schedule she is going to reduce the amount of time spent in the WSBA apiary. She is looking for assistants to assist in the upcoming year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Newsletter for November, December, and January have been well received, and recipients have been updating contact information. A few members who have left the area have been removed from the database.
- Email reminders will additionally be sent in the week prior to meeting dates.
- Reminders of April 1 beehive registration deadline will be sent out.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M. as members filed into the room for the general membership meeting.

WSBA General Membership Meeting
January 17, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:07 P.M. Attendance peaked at 33 with late arrivals.

Brenda Smith distributed nametags; new attendees provided contact information and were furnished with a nametag.

Janet Finley requested anyone wishing to receive the newsletters to provide their email address.

Several in the room were first-time attendees, and time was spent having them introduce themselves and being welcomed.

An overview of various types of hive equipment was discussed at length.

George Purkett announced and described the Apistan strip program that the Board had voted in.

Open discussion on various treatment methods for Varroa mites was lengthy. The availability of informational materials in the WSBA library and how to use the system was discussed.

George displayed a set of hive boxes frames with a small cluster of bees. He spoke on how and why that hive had failed.

Technical issues prevented an audio-visual presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43.

Minutes submitted by Janet Finley