

West Sound Beekeepers Association Minutes
Board Meeting
Whiskey Gulch Coffee Pub, Port Orchard, WA
August 21, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM.

Quorum Present: President Sophi Gwynne, Vice President George Purkett, Treasurer Bob Finley, Secretary Janet Finley; and Trustees Joe Gwynne, and Darlene Stiffey.

The minutes from the July 16, 2018 Board Meeting were accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Sophi Gwynne

- The WSBA Annual Picnic was a fun event with 33 members and their families attending. Thanks to borrowed equipment rather than rented, expenses were \$219.80 – far below than the \$450 budgeted.
- A WSBA informational booth will be manned at the Kitsap Country Fair and Stampede, August 22-26, and Brenda Smith once again has spearheaded the organizational aspects of managing the WSBA booth and scheduling volunteers. All shifts are reported covered. George Purkett will be judging the honey competition at the fair.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: George Purkett

- George reported that he has yet to speak with Paul Mottner, Barbara Stedman's son, about formalizing some sort of use agreement for the WSBA Apiary and shed to remain on their land. Having an agreement in writing is necessary to secure liability insurance to protect the Stedman family, the officers, trustees, and instructors of the WSBA, and any volunteer members who teach, mentor, or collect swarms through the Association's website.
- The old WSBA website is in the process of being transferred to the new format. George and Joe Gwynne are coordinating the process. George paid approximately \$48 to continue the westsoundbees.org domain name for two years.

APIARY MANAGER'S REPORT: George Purkett

- Thanks to the Queen Rearing course and beautiful summer weather, we currently have 42 colonies in the WSBA teaching Apiary. All is going well, and EFB affected hives have been treated and are being monitored.
- Sales of queens and nucs from the Apiary have trickled in over the past six weeks, and a profit of \$1,360 has been realized, including a few cash donations.

SECRETARY REPORT: Janet Finley

- Flyers for the Sep. 8 class "Introduction to Beekeeping" have been distributed to local libraries, garden centers, and other similar bulletin

boards throughout the community. A sign up sheets will be available at Stedman's Bee Supplies and at the WSBA's fair booth.

- Limited liability signs have been purchased and will be mounted in conspicuous locations in the approach to the teaching Apiary.
- The Port Orchard Rotary Organization has awarded Joe and Sophi Gwynne for their contribution to providing 40 polio vaccines to children.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Finley

- The total of WSBA funds at the end of July stands at \$20,944.53 spread between savings, checking, and Marketfund accounts, although checks in the amount of \$ 780.49 are still outstanding and anticipated reimbursements for recent expenses have not been yet submitted.
- Bob reports difficulty in planning a meaningful 2019 budget because of under-anticipated class sizes, lower expenses for class equipment, and the cancellation of the Michael Palmer queen purchase.
- The annual audit of financial records will occur in September as the volunteer auditors and the Treasurer coordinate their schedules.
- Discussion on the fees charged for apiary classes over the summer, and speculation that fees were a reason that fewer participants registered. Bob proposed that instead of charging members per class, rather the fee for the Beginning Beekeeper Course and Apprentice Beekeeper Course be increased to allow for additional training to be free of charge. This would encourage continued learning, as the majority of class participants are first-year Beekeepers. This idea was met with favor.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

- An appeal will go out for three volunteers to form a Nominating Committee to assemble a slate of officers and one trustee to serve in 2019.
- The 2019 calendar will not be available in time for the Kitsap County Fair as hoped, but the editing process continues.
- Sophi is continuing to pursue liability insurance for the Association, and there was discussion of when that coverage should begin. The consensus is that a newly elected President should sign the policy rather than an outgoing President.
- The Education Committee will meet with the Apiary Manager and Committee to develop anticipated classes and educational events for 2019 and to review the new materials for the Beginning Beekeeper Course recently provided by the WASBA.
- A five-year plan for the Apiary will be developed to support the mission of the WSBA.

Board meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Finley, WSBA Secretary