

West Sound Beekeepers Association Minutes
Board Meeting
Stedman's Bee Supplies, Silverdale WA
September 17, 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 Trustee Joe Gwynne. Trustees Darlene Stiffey and Lucia Olson were absent. Keith Ellison attended.

The minutes from the August 21, 2018 Board Meeting were accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Sophi Gwynne

- Thanks to George Purkett for completing the transfer of website from the old format to the new.
- Thanks to Brenda Smith for once again organizing the WSBA booth at the Kitsap County Fair.
- Dave Leger has agreed to serve as Assistant Apiary Manager under George Purkett. His volunteer contributions this past season have been greatly appreciated.
- A Nominating Committee has been formed to support the election of 2019 Board members at the October Annual Meeting. Nominations will close on October 6, 2018 at 5:00 PM.
- Sophi has volunteered to act as our Kitsap Peninsula's liaison as WASBA's Board of Directors, Section 1B Area Representative. This involves attending, either in person or electronically, WASBA meetings held in Ellensburg, WA.
- An agreement has been reached with Paul Mottner, representative of the Stedman family, for the WSBA to pay a \$1 yearly stipend for the use of the Stedman land upon which sits our Apiary, shed, garden, and gazebo. This formalized agreement was conducted by handshake and will be codified in writing by the Stedman's lawyer. Based upon this agreement the WSBA can arrange for liability insurance.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: George Purkett

- Proof reading of the new calendar revealed a misidentified photo, which will be corrected.

APIARY MANAGER'S REPORT: George Purkett

- George requested the purchase of a ProVap tool for the Apiary, which will speed the treatment of hives at a cost of about \$500. As the Apiary line item in the budget has funding, he was given the green light for the purchase.
- George reports that several of the hives in the Apiary have higher than anticipated Varroa mite counts, so continued treatments have occurred.

- The Apiary volunteer teams have been disbanded for the season. Feeder have been removed from hives. Final oxalic treatments will be applied on November 1 and at the Winter Solstice.

SECRETARY REPORT: Janet Finley

- Limited liability signs have been mounted in conspicuous locations in the approach to the teaching Apiary thanks to Joe Gwynne.
- The WSBA Facebook page will be deleted by October 1, 2018 while the WSBA Facebook Group page will be continued. This will end confusion.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Finley

- The total of WSBA funds at the end of August stands at \$19,658.95 spread between savings, checking, and Marketfund accounts
- John Sasser and Gordon Cromwell, serving as the volunteer auditors, held the annual audit of financial records on September 12. Minor typographical errors not affecting balances were corrected, and recommendations were made for the issuing of reimbursement checks to members who happen to be family members.
- A 2019 budget was discussed, amended, and will be presented to the Board for approval at the October Board meeting prior to the Annual Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

- A short run (50) of the 2019 18-month calendar will be available for sale during the October Annual Meeting. Price is yet to be determined.
- The Education Committee has reviewed the new WASBA materials for the Beginner Beekeeper Course and has determined that seven weeks, rather than the customary six, are necessary. Bob and Janet Finley have booked the gymnasium at Silverdale United Methodist Church for seven consecutive Tuesday evenings between 6-8 PM beginning February 26, 2019 and concluding April 9, 2019. Hands on classes in the Apiary will be held April 6, 11, and 13. Times to be determined.
- Sophi has arranged to have business cards and note cards printed with the WSBA logo. A QR code will be included on the back linking to our website.
- Discussion on the need for an updated projector to support our educational presentations. Funding for this equipment will be in the 2019 budget.

Board meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Finley, WSBA Secretary