

West Sound Beekeepers Association Minutes  
Board Meeting  
Stedman's Bee Supply, Silverdale WA  
May 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

Quorum Present: President Sophi Gwynne, Vice President George Purkett, Treasurer Bob Finley, Secretary Janet Finley; and Trustees Joe Gwynne, and Lucia Olson, were present.

The minutes from the April 18, 2018 Board Meeting were accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Sophi Gwynne

- Fifty members responded to a recent survey. Suggestions for added classes were noted.
- Sherry Whybark will take over the role of WSBA Librarian. She will try to attend future Board meetings.
- Educational items were purchased to aid in community outreach presentations. Debra Langley-Boyer wonderfully painted the exterior of the hive box. Eight 24"x36" posters were also purchased, and Joe and Janet will explore the most economical and practical way to preserve and display them.
- Sophi gave a presentation to the Seabeck Girl Scouts. The girls were very excited, and the Troop Leaders are interested in having hives. George will talk with the Leaders about that project.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: George Purkett

- Mission Creek Correctional Center again will manage hives at the prison, and the number of inmates wanting to learn beekeeping has increased over last year. The successful staff and inmates received their Apprentice Beekeeper certificates following completing the course last year. George plans on working with the group on Friday afternoons in June.

APIARY MANAGER'S REPORT: George Purkett

- George has prepared the schedule, materials, and hives for the "Queen Rearing in the Northwest" course that will begin May 17. This is a 12-session course that has a limited number of students. Stedman's Bee Supplies has donated nuc boxes for the class.
- Hive Tracks is proving to be an asset in recording events in the Apiary among the various volunteer groups and educational events.
- George has identified a hive in the Apiary with chalk brood and is experimenting with a blackened, slimy banana as a treatment. More to follow.
- A pallet of 10-frame woodenware hive boxes was donated to the WSBA along with a used extractor and some tools.

SECRETARY REPORT: Janet Finley

- Janet is Administrator on two Facebook pages “owned” by the WSBA. One is a businesslike account; the other is a group interactive account. The educational events have been posted to both Facebook pages as well as by email and through the monthly newsletter.
- The WASBA has developed a new spreadsheet for the submission of Apprentice Beekeeper Course scores. Certification has been delayed because of waiting for this spreadsheet to be provided.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Bob Finley

- The total of WSBA funds at the end of April stands at \$21,276.18 spread between savings, checking, and Marketfund accounts.
- The anticipated expenditure of \$1400 for Apprentice Beekeeper Course certifications is expected.
- Bob is selling personally-purchased WSBA ball caps and any proceeds above the purchase price will be given to the WSBA as a donation.
- Discussion of the need to increase the Promotional/Marketing Materials budget line item for additional items from the current \$200. More information is needed on anticipated expenses.
- Discussion of increasing the Website line item from its current \$60 to \$170. This is to fund the new WIX website.

MOTION: To fund the new website with an increase in the budget’s line item not to exceed \$170 to bring the new website online. Motion moved, seconded, and carried unanimously.

- Sophi distributed a guideline for the acceptance and dispersal of any donated monies, gift cards, or in-kind items. A Donation Policy form has been prepared to record any and all donations to the WSBA. Discussion on the importance of only Officers, Trustees, and Committee Chairs being authorized to spend budget monies.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Co-Chairs Darlene Stiffey and Shaari Unger

- Discussion of upcoming events

Trustee Lucia Olson prompted a discussion of hosting a “Honey House” event where interested parties can join together to extract honey rather than individually. More to follow.

Board meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Finley,  
WSBA Secretary