

West Sound Beekeepers Association Minutes  
Board Meeting  
World of Beer Restaurant, Silverdale WA 98383  
July 15, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

Quorum Present: President Sophi Gwynne, Vice President Dana Schack, Treasurer Bob Finley, Secretary Janet Finley; Trustees Joe Gwynne and Darlene Stiffey; Guests John and Debbie Gottschalk.

The minutes from the June 20, 2019 Board meeting were accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Sophi Gwynne

- The “pass the pig” \$185 donation to support the student beekeeper group in Oaxaca, Mexico was sent to the GoFundMe site set up by Michael Palmer of French Hill Apiaries in Vermont. Sophi and Joe Gwynne additionally donated the fee charged by the GoFundMe site.
- Sophi has volunteered to present a 1-hour presentation on beekeeping at the request of the Silverdale Public Library. The event will be held at Jackson Scout Hall.
- The Apprentice Beekeeping Course manual has been reviewed, and the decision has been made to duplicate them in their entirety with chapters not included in the instruction to be available for reference.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dana Schack

- Discussion on speakers for events and including in the 2020 budget a line item stipend for travel expenses for out-of-town speakers.
- Darlene Stiffey will present “Winterizing Your Hives” at the July membership meeting, and John Sasser will present “Moisture Control” at the September membership meeting. There is no August membership meeting due to the August 17 members picnic.
- A question arose following the June presentation on diseases/pests and various treatments about the reporting of American Foulbrood (AFB) or European Foulbrood (EFB). AFB requires the hives to be burned, but how long following treatments are EFB-affected hives considered “cured”? To whom do you report? What is the procedure? Apparently, Dana’s research indicates that few County or State officials and agencies have answers for these questions.

SECRETARY REPORT: Janet Finley

- So far 8 students have registered for the Apprentice Beekeeper Course and 16 students have registered for the Introduction to Beekeeping Class. Registrations have been by mail, by Stedman’s employees, or through the WSBA website.
- Janet requests that a postal box be opened in the upcoming budget year for mail. With elected officers changing often according to the bylaws, our

mailing address has been Stedman's Bee Supplies. Stedman's has reduced their hours of operation, so the home addresses of officers have been published on posters, in newsletters, on the website and social media. A postal box would provide more privacy for our officers.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Finley

- Total of WSBA funds at the end of April stands at \$16,062.55, although deposits of \$130 are still outstanding. Expense receipts are expected from the Apiary Committee.
- A request for input for the 2020 budget from committee chairpersons has resulted in little response.
- Sophi has reached out to various members-at-large to make up the annual Audit Committee. John Sasser has once again volunteered to be part of that Committee.

APIARY REPORT: Submitted report overview:

- There are currently 16 active Langstroth hives in the Apiary, and 20 temporary hives for queen rearing.
- The increase in colonies has allowed one top-bar, two Warre', and two Long-Langstroth hives to be populated.
- The anticipation is that at least 15 mated queens will be produced.
- Any colonies with evidence of EFB and related equipment has been quarantined, treatments, or destroyed/moved off site.
- Participation at the Saturday morning sessions has been light.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion of preparing for the WSBA picnic on August 17 and what items are needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion on planning for upcoming elections of new officers and targeting likely willing members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, 6 PM, at 6:00 PM at Jackson Scout Hall, Silverdale.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Finley, WSBA Secretary