

West Sound Beekeepers Association Minutes
Board meeting
Stedman's Bee Supply, Silverdale WA
May 16, 2017

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

Quorum Present: Board Members George Purkett, Larry & Gerry Carbaugh, Bob & Janet Finley, Debra Langley-Boyer, Frank Wilson, and Brenda Smith. Several club members were also present.

The minutes from the April meeting were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Finley

- WSBA bank balance stand at \$22,113.47. Available funds approx. \$18,000, including the Reserve Fund of \$8,491.78.
- Income was received: sale of two Michael Palmer DVD sets, the sale of club patches, and new and renewal dues.
- Expenses still outstanding: WASBA for Apprentice Beekeeper certifications (\$1,680) and membership (\$141); Stedman's Bee Supplies (\$2208) purchases of bees, Apistan strips, and equipment.
- One monetary gift was recorded.
- Records show 156 active members: 46 renewals, 110 new members.

APIARY MANAGER'S REPORT: Brenda Smith

- Eight packages of bees were ordered and hived through Stedman's on Package Day with demonstrations for club members.
- Ten additional packages of bees were hived the following day from unclaimed packages.
- Additional equipment will need to be purchased.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: George Purkett

No report

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Larry Carbaugh

No report

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Janet Finley

- The May newsletter was digitally distributed on April 25, 2017 to 277 subscribers.
- A meeting reminder email was sent on May 12 to all members.
- A clipboard will be distributed during the general meeting listing the geographical location (by town) of club members. The hope is that subsets of

beekeepers can form supportive groups for informational, educational, mentoring, or supply-sharing purposes.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Sophi Gwynne

- A flyer was designed and distributed seeking volunteers to manage the WSBA apiary.
- A request was made that volunteer hours be tracked for those Apprentice Beekeepers seeking future Journeyman certification. Sophi will design a sign in sheet to be kept in the apiary shed.
- A request was made for the Apiary Manager to provide direction to the volunteer teams so that duplication of effort and possible lapses in action items can be avoided. The suggestion was made that the three volunteer groups be assigned specific hives to oversee at the direction of the Apiary Manager.

AGENDA ITEMS/GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- **TOPIC 1: Old Business:**
 - Repairs were made to the club's honey extractor.
 - 16 WSBA club t-shirts have been ordered through the promotional campaign and shipment will be in June.
- **TOPIC 2: Bylaws Update Committee**
 - A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to name Debra Langley-Boyer as Chairperson of a Bylaws Review Committee. Frank Wilson and Janet Finley volunteered to be part of the review process.
- **TOPIC 3: Public Outreach**
 - In support of public outreach to the recently trained Washington Corrections Center for Women's beekeepers group in Gig Harbor, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to invest up to \$1,200 of WSBA funds to donate beekeeper suits, gloves, tools acceptable to the prison environment, educational books on beekeeping, and a storage unit.
- **TOPIC 4: Oxalic Acid Vaporizers**
 - Discussion was made of the cost, use, need, number, and possible liability for misuse of oxalic acid vaporizers made available to WSBA club members and for use in the club apiary. Laminated instruction sheets would need to be provided. Conclusion of discussion was that the club is not ready to invest in this equipment.
- **TOPIC 5: Apiary Shed Maintenance**
 - Sophi Gwynne volunteered to repaint the interior of the apiary shed doors with magnetic and chalkboard paint so that communication can occur between volunteer groups.
 - Electrical cord providing power to the shed will be repositioned.
 - The doors to the shed need to be rehung so that the door will close and trim installed along bottom to discourage rodents.

- TOPIC 6: Apiary Needs
 - Discussion of a date for construction of a 12x12 gazebo. Joe & Sophi Gwynne, Aaron Gurtler, and John have volunteered for this project.
 - A pop up tent and folding table are needed prior to the annual WSBA picnic in August.
 - Discussion of nuc units made of cardboard.

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

WSBA General Membership Meeting
May 16, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. The room was filled to capacity.

Brenda Smith distributed nametags; new attendees provided contact information and were furnished with a nametag. Those renewing their membership submitted checks to the Treasurer. President George Purkett greeted newcomers.

Sophia Gwynne generously and graciously provided snacks for the meeting and provided a sign-up sheet so others could bring treats to future meetings.

In attendance tonight was a representative from the Mission Creek Corrections Center for Women in Belfair, WA looking for a WSBA volunteer lecturer to deliver a Beginner Beekeeping Class for their inmates. Contact information was exchanged with those club members interested in speaking to their group.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- WSBA picnic August 19 from 12-4 PM at the home of Janet and Bob Finley located at 3268 Old Sawmill Place NW, Bremerton, WA 98312.
- Frank Wilson reminded members that WSBA club t-shirts can be ordered until the end of May. Information was provided how to order online.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Sugar/water practices, upcoming nectar flows, how to access the WSBA Yahoo discussion group, the WSBA Facebook page.

PRESENTATION: Ted Gill

Ted Gill demonstrated his Top Bar hive equipment and spoke on use, advantages, differences between other hive methods, and the theory behind the Top Bar style of natural comb hives.

Meeting adjourned well past 9:00 P.M.
Minutes submitted by Janet Finley