

West Sound Beekeepers Association Minutes
Executive Board meeting
Stedman's Bee Supply, Silverdale WA
August 29, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 P.M.

Only four Board members present: George Purkett, Bob & Janet Finley, Brenda Smith, and Sophi Gwynne. **NO QUORUM**

The minutes from the July 26 Executive meeting **could not be accepted.**

BECAUSE NO BUSINESS COULD BE CONDUCTED, THERE WAS ONLY DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS.

TOPIC 1: ANNUAL PICNIC

- The Annual WSBA Picnic held on August 19 was deemed a success with 25 members attending. While expenses were within the budgeted line item amount, that is only because we had so many supplies on hand from previous events. To have fully purchased all food, beverages, paper products, and cost of renting the grill and tables the expenditure would have far exceeded expectations. Unused beverages, snack packs, and paper products are available to support our annual Christmas party.

TOPIC 2: FAIR

- Brenda Smith organized, staffed, and devoted her entire week in support of the WSBA booth at the Kitsap County Fair and Stampede in August. She reported good foot traffic, lots of volunteer support, and she discussed some additional information to be added and changes to make to the booth next year.

TOPIC 3: HANDS ON CLASS

- George Purkett held two hands on classes in the Apiary. He determined in the future this events need to be planned with more lead time for advertising. He also suggests two separate classes for winterizing hives and extracting honey.

TOPIC 4: 2018 PROPOSED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Apprentice Class (6 weeks - February through April) with 10 presenters for 10 sections of material
- Train the Trainers
- How to Mentor
- Queen Rearing (Late May/Early June) - \$100 per person fee. Evening classes on set up, preparing apiary, identifying resources, perhaps giving away a nuc for best grafting.
- Beekeeping in the NW (Alternate years) – managing nucs, swarms

- How to Manage an Apiary
- Hands On Classes (Early May) – inspections – 2 classes x 20 attendees x \$20
- Mite Measurement & Treatment (Late June)
- Hands On Classes (Late July) - honey extraction
- Hands On Classes (Early August) – Fall Maintenance

TOPIC 5: OPEN DISCUSSION

- Discussion of mentoring for a fee. Supporting new beekeepers without being unpaid labor.
- Alternative type of hives in the Apiary.
- George Purkett will produce an article for the September newsletter discussing evaluating your hives, preparing them for winter, and why bees are cranky at this time of year
- Janet Finley will contact the Kitsap Reporter for WSBA meeting times to be included in its event calendar.

TOPIC 6: APIARY

- Seven hives have been added to the Apiary and one sold.

Meeting concluded at 7:43 PM.

Minutes submitted by Janet Finley