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Pierce County Beekeepers Association
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Monday, December 1st

6:15 pm - 9:30 pm

CHRISTMAS PARTY and POTLUCK

Allmendinger Center,

WSU Research & Extension

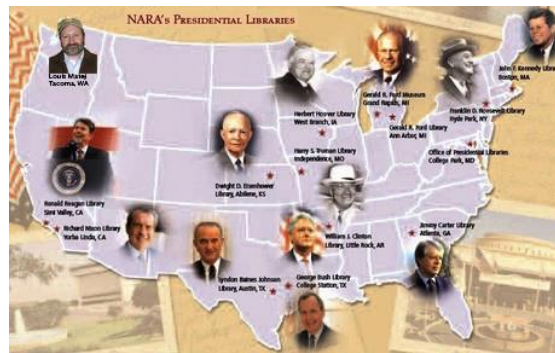
2606 W Pioneer, Puyallup.

Turkey will be provided by PCBA.

Bring a side dish, salad or dessert,

Bring your own dishes and utensils.

There will be a "white elephant" gift exchange
for those who would like to participate.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Beekeepers...

December, 2014

This will be my final letter to the Newsletter as president of the PCBA. This will end a total of 4 years as president, 2 years as VP in-between and 7 years as treasurer before that. Over the past years we've accomplished quite a bit. Our bank account has skyrocketed and we were able to use some of the money for renovation of the honey house as well as improve our apiary and education program. Our membership has risen to around 300 to the point where we actually are having trouble seating everyone during our classes and meetings. And our education program has produced a great number of highly qualified and enthusiastic beekeepers for generations to come.

It is with pride mixed with a little sadness that I step down and let others take the reins, as beekeeping has been part of my life for the past 41 years and is still going strong.

Educating beekeepers has been my passion, and hopefully over the years I've passed on successfully the knowledge and joys of beekeeping. I am still available to teach, but the new administration has replaced me as education chairman and others really want to take over my role as apprentice teacher. This is a product of our success, with so many new beekeepers, our old timers are becoming scarce.

I want to thank all of you who supported me and the PCBA the past few years in helping the PCBA grow into what it is today. You are the future teachers and there will be many more coming along who will need your knowledge and experience in order to keep this hobby and industry viable. We all know how important bees are to the economy, but more especially in providing food for the world.

I am still a member of the WSBA Master Beekeepers Committee and will continue certifying all beekeepers in the state. I encourage all of you to continue to pursue further certification, as we need all of you to teach future beekeepers and the community about bees.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you. I will continue to do what I can to provide support and help for all the current and new beekeepers in our region.

Have a great Thanksgiving and Christmas. And here's hoping your bees will survive the winter and provide you with more joy and fun in the New Year.

Louis Matej
 WSBA Master Beekeeper
 President, PCBA



RENZY'S BEEYARD

Depression begins to set in now as we begin to realize we must wait about 3 more months before we get to fiddle with our bees. To help stave off this dilemma, go out and look at your bees (at the entrance) on the warmer sunny days to see what's going on. Sometimes its orientation flights, sometimes they even bring in pollen.

-The bees have hunkered down for the winter. Not much activity from them except on the occasional warm sunny day.

-Keep entrances open/unclogged (dead bees, snow, ice).

-You may notice some die-off at the entrance or on the ground. This is normal in small amounts. If there are larger quantities over an extended period of time keep an eye on the hive (intervention is very limited).

-Ventilation. If you are using something to prop the outer cover (telescoping top) for ventilation purposes look at the underside occasionally for mildew/moisture build-up (do not pry the inner cover off. There's no reason and you only disrupt the bees). If you notice a lot of moisture/mildew building up then increase the ventilation a little more until you find the gap that seems to work. The underside of the lid does NOT have to be completely dry as a little moisture will accumulate with temperatures change, etc. You just don't want it dripping wet/covered in black mildew. Remember, bees can handle cold. They can't handle wet and cold.

-If you like the idea, you can use styrofoam boards under your hive lid to help keep the colony warmer. But make some sort of ventilation hole in the foam for moisture to escape out.

-If you found it necessary to feed, don't forget to check what they have left. (Do they need more dry sugar, fondant, etc.?)

-Setup a wind break if necessary if winds are bad at your hive location.

-Store your equipment away for the winter. That means cleaning it up before you do so you reduce unwanted pests in your storage area. If you use your garage you may want to repaint items that need it so you don't have to scramble during swarming season. -Review how things went this past year, read bee books and attend bee club meetings.

\$ TREASURER'S REPORT \$

Below are the figures for October, 2014. There was nothing significant to report for the month of October.

Beginning Balance:	\$4,414.01
Ending Balance:	\$4,586.89

Income	Amount	Expenses	Amount
Memberships	\$380.00	Payment to WSBA - Books	\$90.00
WSBA Books	\$90.00	Transaction Fees	\$5.38
PCBA Hats / Patches	\$15.00	Stamps	\$2.80
Donations	\$10.00	Bee Sugar	\$75.99
Honey House rental	\$20.00	Guest Speaker Reimburse	\$40.22
		Honey Queen Hosting	\$127.73
Income Total:	\$515.00	Expenses Total:	\$342.12

BUDGETS

Budget	Purpose	Owner	Spent	Remaining
\$1,000.00	To cover the annual costs of operating the apiary. Costs include feed, woodenware, bees, and other maintenance and operating costs. Jars and labels are not included in this budget.	Gary Moore	\$785.00	\$215.00
\$435.00	Support of the queen rearing program PCBA is starting this year. The cost includes \$135 for attending a class plus \$300 for bees and other expenses.	Jeff Jones	\$429.00	\$6.00
\$3,000.00	Remodel of honey house to better support the honey extraction needs of PCBA as well as create a learning environment for other activities including queen rearing, honey bee pest testing, etc.	John Thomas	\$2,184.22	\$815.78
\$100.00	Provide hospitality services at the general meetings of the PCBA.	Charles Carter Lawrence Jungers	\$105.00	(\$5.00)
\$340.00	Host PCBA summer picnic. The budget is primarily for a main dish, condiments, paperware, and other amenities.	Charles Carter Lawrence Jungers	\$339.00	\$1.00
\$100.00	Library expenses. Mainly the purchasing of books for member benefit.	Charles Carter	\$0.00	\$100.00

Minutes from the General

Meeting

November 3, 2014

Summary: Secretary and then Treasurer's Reports were passed and accepted. Elections completed.

Called to order by President Louis Matej at 19:34

Roll Call: Renzy Davenport, Tina Tyler, Michael DeAngelo and general membership

Bylaw Revision: The first reading of changes to the by-laws was executed

Programs: December is potluck; start gathering at 6:15 and eat at 6:45

Education Report: The last class was today. Journeyman class will restructure.

Mentor Report: Larry Golden will restructure geographically.

Apiary: Closed with class visits suspended until Feb.

Honey Queen Program: Requests for school visits

Hospitality Committee: Needs help

Proctor Farmers Market: A committee has begun to study our presence for education and perhaps sales there.

Web: Becky is surveying for suggestions as she begins.

Scholarship Student: Lillian Allred gave a presentation with slides about her year beginning beekeeping. "Thank you for my new skills."

Elections: Bob Pietela called the third and final time for nominations. Elections ended with:

President: Franclyn Heinecke; Vice President: Alisa Shorey; Secretary: Tina Tyler
Treasurer: Michael DeAngelo

December Potluck: Lisa Garnett asked for help with the December potluck. Larry Warwick will again smoke and slice turkey. A fun gift exchange game will traditionally play.

Adjourned: 2015

The Secretary's Minute

Tina Tyler

My hives are visible from my house's windows, so I enjoy grabbing binoculars and observing them throughout the day. It is a peaceful ritual that brings me in harmony with nature.

The Pacific Northwest is challenging for beekeepers because it is so wet here. Many beekeepers insulate the exterior of their hives but I have been just installing carports over the hives when it gets cold. I place the hive with it's back to the cold north wind, preferably with a tree or other blockade behind it. Where does the morning sun first hit? Hive placement there will warm them up faster; it tells them the day has begun. We want to place the hive where there is the most and longest sun exposure. If the sun warms the hive, less energy is needed from the bees to maintain the 92 degree to 96 degree temperature inside the hive. The uniform temperature helps bees fight off disease.

Even in this freezing November cold snap (barely above 40 degrees), my bees came out when the sun's rays rested on the hive at the warmest part of the day. Other beekeepers who also experienced this saw pollen coming in. (They said this depends upon the variety of bees, as some are more cold-sturdy than others. I have wooten golden Italians and carnolians.)

I have found fresh urn-shaped blooms on arbutus Elfin King strawberry bush. It also boasted fruit, from the flowers of the year before, fruit that is beautiful fire colors of red and yellow, fragrant, knobby-like jewels. What other pollen is available now?

The work being done in this small sliver of sun seemed to be dragging dead bees out, excreting on cleansing flights, accessing water and foraging.

"All evidence indicates the honey bee of today behaves in the same general way as it did millions of years ago." ~ Walter L. Gojmerac



PCBA December 2014 Membership Report

Active Members: 236

Comp & Other Bee Clubs: 7

Additional Records: 91

October meeting attendance: 68

16 Due Oct: Allison Shinkle, Ashlee Tarbox, Carrie Little, Cathy McPeek, Christopher Smolko,

James Martinson, Jennifer Lucas, John Hirsch, John Thomas, Larry Jungers, Lincoln Mettler, Mark Stave,

Robert Pietila , Steve Gregg, Steve Pederson, Tricia Grace,

22 Due Nov: Andy Matelich, Annette Smith, Becky Sundstrom, Charity Bodhaine, Charles Schaffer, Chrisine Scott, Dan Smith, Deborah Davenport, Ellen Sumner, Jim Erickson, Justin Viene, Larry Worwick, Laurel Wright, Lou Torre, Marin Miller, Mike Kenschuh, Pam Murry, Ron Barnard, Sarah Jackson, Sherri Thomas, Suzanne Lewis, Wendy Bitney

75 Due Jan: Lillian Allred, Jason Anderson, Denise Angerman, Karen M Boyd, Sally Bricka, Tyler Bridge, Laura Brooks, Chad Brundage, Elsa Buchert, Kelly Buck, Tyler Budge, Vivian Chamorro, Sharon Charbonnel, Candyce Chittenden, John Clancy, Karen Cota, Steve Curtiss, Renzy Davenport, Joe Delgado, Ryan Everett, Erica Fickeisen, Michael Flannigan, James Getty, Anne Gilman, Mandy Gomez, Alicia Halbert, Karen Hegarty, Michael Henson, Alister Hunt, Blake Hurlbut, Carroll Kastle, Susan King, Matt Koch, Elliott Kroker, Eric Kuester, Laura Lee, Hal LeMay, Jill Lyons, Bridget Macchione, Laura McDonald, Douglas McDonald, Mark Mietzner , Faith Miller, David Mitman, Tim Modine, Deborah Moore, Keith Ostlund, Sandi Phillips, Ronald Plewka, Don Pruett, Thomas P Quinlar, Kenneth Quirie, Deborah Raynes, Deborah Reeve, Holli Reichl, Michelle Reinicke, Nancy Seabourne, Mary Settle, Charbonnel Sharon, Bruce Stelmar, Rebecca Taxier, Doug Thomas, Charles Thornhill, Delbert Tomlinson, Jenn Trettin, Dave Trotter, Tina Tyler, Shelby Vander Molen, Doug Watt, Ralph Wessels, Greg Willits, Marua Winter, Lee Woody, Rachel Yantzer, Tim-Ling Yeh

8 Member Renewals: Angie Clausen, Lori Cockerham, Lisa Garnett, Scott Larson, Steve Tolle, Larry Warwick, Cora Wells,

Laurel Wright

3 New Member(s): Jeff Durham, Juliana Fries, Kim Hulse

Please take the survey to help us plan speaker topics for 2015.

Please take a few minutes to take a short survey to help us make plans for 2015.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PCBA2015>

Go to that link, and take the survey. It's only 7 questions, and your responses will help guide the work of the Board.

The link will only be available until December 16th, so please take the survey soon!



2015 Elected Officers: Franclyn Heinecke, President; Alisa Shorey, Vice-President; Michael DeAngelo, Treasurer; Tina Tyler, Secretary; Louis Matej, Past President

2015 Committee Chairs: Renzy Davenport, Education; Jeff Jones, Apiary; Larry Golden, Membership Services; Marge Pearson, Programs and Speakers; Bob Pietila, Board Development

They will need a lot of help to keep our club going and to provide services. There are several volunteer positions open right now. Please talk with committee chairs if you are able to help out.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR 2015

The most urgent needs for volunteers right now are:

- **MENTORING COORDINATOR** - Larry Golden has developed an impressive membership database. We'll use the information for our January meeting, and to set up mentors for the coming year. He needs your help to organize, coordinate and drive the Mentorship program forward. Are you skilled in the art of connecting the dots? Do you have passion to help others learn and grow? Contact Larry if you think you can help.
- **MENTORING** - We need mentors for 2015. Even if you only have one year of beekeeping experience, you can help someone who is brand new. Mentoring points are needed for Journeyman certification. Talk to Larry about being a mentor.
- **MEETING GREETERS** - Marge will be planning some exciting meeting topics and presentations. For January especially, when the room is packed with new students, we need greeters to help move things along smoothly. Let Marge know if you are able to help.
- **EDUCATION** - Renzy is putting together his teaching team. If you want to be part of his group, let him know.
- **APIARY** - Jeff needs someone to help with the swarm list for the coming season. Talk with Jeff about helping with the apiary.

Thank you for your continued involvement with PCBA. We look forward to serving you in 2015.

The 2015 PCBA Board

Board Recommended Bylaws Changes -

The proposed bylaws have been approved by the Board to go to the full membership for consideration and voting. The proposed language clarifies the association status, how committee chairs are determined, and who is authorized to vote on Board actions. It also expands Board conduct to include any voting Board member. Copies of the proposed language changes will be available at the December and January meeting and posted again in the January newsletter.

Current language requested for consideration to change is shown as ~~crossed out text~~.
New language being proposed is in **red bold text**.

ARTICLE I – NAME AND MISSION

Section 2. This is a **nonprofit** trade association. ~~which is not for profit and will not be incorporated.~~

ARTICLE VI -- CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Section 1. The business affairs of PCBA shall be conducted by the Board of Directors.

Members of the Board shall be named in accordance with provisions in Article VIII and shall represent the members of PCBA insofar as possible. Officers are elected by the general membership in good standing. An officer carries only the rights necessary for executing the duties of their appointment. Any officer **or voting board member** of the association that fails to perform the duties of their office may be removed from their appointment by a two-thirds vote of the board at an executive board meeting. For cases involving misconduct, neglect of duty or excessive absences the officer **or voting board member** maybe removed from their appointment by a two-thirds vote of the board at an executive board meeting. Any officer **or voting board member** removed from their appointment shall retain their membership rights.

ARTICLE VIII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Board meetings and voting: PCBA members are welcome to attend Board meetings and comment on issues before the Board. Voting is limited to Board members only, as follows:

a. ~~All elected Officers are voting Board members.~~ **All current elected Executive Officers are voting Board members: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.**

b. Voting Board members shall include the following: ~~The two immediate past presidents, and past committee chairs.~~ **The immediate past president and the Executive Committee-appointed committee chairs.**

c. New committee chairs shall be reviewed by the Board ~~Executive Officers~~ in January **as needed** to be added to the voting board.

d. New committee chairs created during the year may be added with the approval of the Board **Executive Officers**.

ARTICLE IX -- COMMITTEES AND VOLUNTEERS

Section 1: ~~The president shall appoint committee chairs.~~ **The President shall recommend committee chairs to the elected Executive Officers for approval.**

~~Examples of standing Committees are Apiary, Education, Membership, Newsletter, Program Study Grant, and Website.~~ **Committee chair positions may include Apiary, Education, Membership Services, Programs, or other areas as determined by the Executive Officers.**

a. **New committee chairs shall be reviewed and approved by the Executive Officers as needed.**

b. **Committee chairs may be released for cause as noted in Article VI, Section 1 of these bylaws.**

c. **Each committee will be comprised of volunteer positions that align with the function of the committee. Volunteer positions report to the Executive Officer-approved committee chairs.**

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SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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Thursday, December 25th



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Thursday, January 1st



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Monday, January 5th

6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

Apprenticeship Class / Journeyman Study Group

followed by:

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

PCBA General Meeting

Allmendinger Center, WSU Research & Extension

2606 W Pioneer, Puyallup

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TUESDAY, January 20th

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

PCBA Executive Board Meeting

Puyallup Public Library

324 S Meridian, Puyallup

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(Editor's discretion, of course!)

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