

February 15, 2016

PCBA Board meeting minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:23 PM

Present were PCBA board members: President-Franclyn Heinecke, V.P.- Alicia Shorey, Education Chair Larry Golden, Programs and Speakers chair- Marge Pearson, Newsletter editor-Nicole Hickman, Apiary manager- Jeff Jones, and Secretary- Lisa Garnett. Also present were members Andy Matelich, Bob Pietta, Alicia Halbert, Allen Albaneso, and Chris Urv-Wang.

**Business:**

Amended 01/18/2016 Board meeting minutes were approved.

The PCBA 2015 Annual Income sheet was reviewed and approved.

Treasurer Scott Larson's 2016 Profit and Loss model was reviewed and accepted.

The board agreed to inform members of a dues increase from 20 dollars to 30 dollars per year at the next meeting. This is to begin July 2016. Members will have the option to pay dues early at the 20 dollar rate if paid before July, 2016. There will also be an option to prepay for subsequent years at the 20 dollar rate. There will be no cap on the number of prepaid years.

Franclyn proposed that we update membership applications to include a waiver, which could be written up by an attorney. Chris suggested that for a lesser cost we could have an attorney review a waiver already in use by another club. Chris planned to provide us with the waiver used by the University of Puget Sound bee club. Marge Pearson motioned to pursue having an attorney review a waiver already in use. This motion was approved by the board.

Franclyn reported that she and Treasurer Scott Larson changed the PCBA bank account status from a small business account to a corporate account. Franclyn motioned to update bank account signers, removing non board members and adding Scott Larson and herself as signers. The board approved this motion.

**Education chair report-** Larry Golden reported that 8 more students passed the Washington State Beekeepers Association Apprenticeship exam, and that 1 student scored 100%. He hopes to schedule a student apiary day at the WSU campus as soon as possible.

Larry also reported that he and Franclyn met with the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium staff regarding PCBA involvement with the PDZA summer youth conservation group. PCBA will share pollen and seed packets with students at the Thursday night zoo program 5:00-6:30 PM on June 30, 2016. On July 9- July 23 PCBA will allow the summer youth conservation group observe and assist in the apiary.

Franclyn pointed out that PCBA has received a large number of requests to assist various student programs. We are currently assisting with Evergreen Elementary schools pollinator garden, and the Boze

youth program has requested work with their 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes. Franclyn suggested we find a way to acknowledge school aged children who participate in PCBA sponsored programs. The board agreed to provide certificates to school aged children who participants in PCBA programs.

**Programs Chair Report:** Marge Pearson reported that for the March general meeting Vernon Craig is scheduled to present on mason bees, pest control, and swarms. For May she has scheduled Dewey Caron. A weekend workshop is in the preliminary planning phase. Board suggestions for upcoming meeting topics included: information about the flow hive, zombie bees, and fungi perfecttii.

**Apiary Manager,** Jeff Jones reported no pertinent activity over the last month.

**Alicia Shorey, provided** an update on 2016 Spring Fair preparations. Information pamphlets historically distributed at the fair have been ordered. Except for the newly added shipping fee, these pamphlets are free. Along with honey sticks we have 14 cases of Timmons honey to sell at the fair. Money acquired at the fair will be held by Andy Matelich then deposited into the PCBA bank account by Treasurer Scott Larson. Andy will take a volunteer sign-up sheet to the next general meeting. Only paper sign up forms will be used.

**Extractor update:** Member Bob Pietita provided an update on the status of PCBAs electric extractor. The maintenance report found the motor to be in perfect condition. A problem was found with the speed controller. The board agreed to have Bob purchase a new speed controller from Mann Lake Bee Supply.

### **Discussion Topics**

Member Alicia Halbert reported that she is planning to add a Beekeeper education component to her current Bee supply business. She pointed out that there are an increasing number of beekeeping courses being offered by beekeepers with varied levels of experience and education. She suggested PCBA consider establishing a certification process for instructors. She wanted to know if she can teach a class as an affiliate of PCBA. She wondered if we could be consulted regarding what information PCBA would like her students to know.

Franclyn suggested we formalize some kind of criteria that must be met for an instructor to teach as an affiliate of PCBA. Several questions were raised. Adding a by law that allows beekeepers who fulfill certain criteria to teach classes outside of our class as affiliates was considered. This matter was left for further discussion.

Member Chris Urv-Wang who heads the University of Puget Sound Beekeeping Club expressed an interest in having the UPS Bee Club students affiliate with PCBA for the purpose of taking the Washington Beekeeping associations Master Beekeeping examination. She said the University could possibly pay and affiliation fee.

There was discussion regarding affiliate verses member benefits. Members can vote, use club equipment and receive discounted rates for specialty workshops. Decisions regarding Affiliate benefits were left for a later date.

Larry Golden motioned that for this calendar year we allow UPS students to become PCBA affiliates for the purpose of taking the Washington State Master Beekeeping examination. This motion passed but a week later was repealed due Board member concerns that it may violate WSBA rules. So this was also left for further discussion.

**President Announcements-** Franclyn reported that the 2016 Washington State Beekeeping Association President plans to address the issue of beekeeping instructor certification with a continuing education component at the certification level. He also hopes to update the Journeyman program, restructure the organization to assure compliance with all regulations, create different state levels of membership, and look at the issue of clubs needing insurance.

Franclyn also announced that house Bill 2478 passed with a 96-1 vote and is now on its way to the Senate.

Finally we were encouraged to let the public know that PCBA can be listed as a beneficiary to corporate matching fund programs. This is another way for the public to help our organization and bees.

Meeting adjourned around 8:30 PM