

May 2, 2016 General Meeting Minutes

Allmendinger Building WSU Puyallup campus

Meeting called to order at 730 PM

Board members present were: President- Franclyn Heinecke, Treasurer- Scott Larson, Education chair- Lary Golden, Membership coordinator-Christine Viene, Programs coordinator- Marge Pearson, Apiary coordinator- Jeff Jones , and Secretary-Lisa Garnett

**President announcements:**

Franclyn updated members on the parkland prairie nature preserve project progress. She reported that 15 different community groups are involved in the project. Efforts are underway to inventory the preserves existing plants and pollinators. Franclyn invited members to contact her if they would like to be involved in the project.

She also informed members of progress being made in the establishment of a forage garden area on the WSU Puyallup campus. McLendons Hardware agreed to donate building materials and plants for this project. Franclyn encouraged members to thank and support our sponsors. This fall, installation of the forage area by the apiary will begin. This is being done as an Eagle Scout project. Tools and assistance with this project will be needed.

Members were reminded of the club yearly dues increase from 20 to 30 dollars per year that will take effect July 1, 2016. Members may renew for up to 3 years at the 20 dollar rate, but must do so before July 2016.

She thanked members for their help with the Spring fair.

Dr. Dewey Caron, an entomology professor, honey bee researcher and author provided a lecture entitled 'Using Tools for Varroa Management'.

He presented survey results regarding honey bee winter survival rates provided by the 'Honey Bee Health Coalition'. This coalition brings together beekeepers, researchers, government agencies, conservation groups and many other organizations with the shared goal of improving honey bee health in general and specifically around production agriculture. He encouraged members to take part in future Honey Bee Health Coalition surveys. His informative lecture paired the varroa mite lifecycle with various treatment strategy options.