

October 19, 2015

PCBA General Meeting

President Franclyn Heinecke's House

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Order was called at 6:05 p.m. Present were board members Franclyn Heinecke, Alisa Shorey Michael DeAngelo, Scott Larson, Jeff Jones, Larry Golden, Christine Viene, and Marge Pearson.

**The Board reviewed and approved** the minutes from the August 17, 2015 Board Meeting August 31, 2015, and the September 5, 2015 General meeting – Motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Approved.

**The board reviewed, and approved** the September treasurer's report as it was published online– Motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Approved.

### **Education**

There were about 70 new members/students that signed up at the October general meeting, and for the first day of new Beginning Beekeeping class. It was noted that the Washington State Beekeepers Education Fee increased from \$15 to \$20, and the club missed collecting that from 38 members. The fee will be made up on a voluntary basis and the club will eat the difference.

### **Apiary**

Jeff Noted that we have lost three hives in the apiary and that he is thinking about moving some of the hives to a better location due to microclimates.

### **Auction:**

Marge reports that volunteers are all lined up for the night of the auction. Marge also mentioned that there will be several "buy it now" items on tables.

### **Holiday Party / December General Meeting**

At the December General meeting the study grant recipients will be presenting. Franclyn will also present a review of the year.

### **Fair**

Alicia reported that the online volunteer sign-up did not work out very well. It was noted that we need to work on an improved way to staff the booth as the fair is increasing to a whole month in 2016.

### **President's Report**

The President updated the board on the forage initiative including:

- A forage program is in progress for the Parkland Prairie Nature Preserve south of the PLU campus in Parkland. We received one \$2,000 grant from Washington State Beekeepers Association? There is also a pending grant for \$10,000 before the state apiary board.
- Franclyn requested money from the board to cover the cost of straw bales to be used as mulch on land adjacent to the club's apiary on the WSU campus.

There was a motion by the board to approved \$300 to go towards current forage initiatives. – Motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Approved.

### **Other Business**

- The board discussed searching for insurance to cover the club and board from any potential liability.
- WSU notified the club that there may be changes to their facility use fees in 2016. It is not clear yet how this may impact the club.
- The board reviewed the structure of the club and decided that it was working well and there should be no changes made for 2016.
- The board reviewed and discussed the mentor program and community clusters. It was decided that we would remove mentor info from the website until a more inclusive system could be put in place.