

PCBA Board Meeting Minutes

April 18,2016- Puyallup Library

Meeting called to order at 6 PM

Membership coordinator -Christine Viene, Programs coordinator Present were: President- Franclyn Heinecke, Treasurer- Scott Larson, Education chair- Larry Golden, – Marge Pearson, Apiary coordinator- Jeff Jones, Secretary-Lisa Garnett, members Cory Pederson, Bob Pietila, and Alan Albanese

The March board meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer Scott Larsons February and March budgets were reviewed and approved.

Education chair Larry Golden reported that the last apiary day was successful. Waivers were signed by all participants.

He has planned a panel question answer sessions for upcoming classes.

In efforts to make the donated top bar hive Northwest compatible, he needs cedar shingles.

He was asked to speak about beekeeping at 2 Tacoma middle schools.

Larry also reported that both his attorney friend and the insurance company felt that our 'Hold Harmless' waiver is appropriate. Adding the waiver to our online membership form is the next step.

Membership chair Christine Viene is changing our online form to include the new membership cost.

Franclyn agreed to assist Christine in getting the waiver and new membership form all onto one page.

Corey Pederson will assist in adding this to the website.

Program coordinator Marge Pearson reported that Dewey Caron is scheduled to present at Mays general meeting. The 'Hives in the Hood' program will resume during the June General meeting.

Typically there is no general meeting in July or August. The board suggested that this year we combine the July picnic with the honey harvest event and schedule an August general meeting so that members can get information about preparing for participation in the Western Washington Fair. No meeting is scheduled in September. For October Marge is looking into finding a speaker to discuss use of mushroom compost as a component of honeybee health management. November is the club auction and December the Holiday party.

Apiary Chair Jeff Jones reported that the next Apiary day is scheduled for May 21. He will need copies of the new waiver for all participants to sign.

President Franclyn Heinecke provided an update regarding progress on the forage project. Our landscape consultant Brad Pugh is looking into getting compost and removing weeds with the use of steam and a fire torch. He suggested use mulch rather than crushed rock throughout the apiary.

Mclendons Hardware donated building supplies and lumber for the WSU grounds forage area project. They are also giving a list of needed hedge row plants to their suppliers and will give us what they receive. Marge and Franclyn plan to solicit Windmill Gardens for donations, and another member is contacting Raintree Gardens. Franclyn provided pots and planting medium so that board members may start cuttings from their own gardens for use in the WSU forage project hedgerows. Planting medium and pots will be available for members at the May General meeting.

Franclyn reminded the board about the following upcoming events: The WSBA state meeting on June 18, 2016; The WSU specialized beekeeping workshops in Pullman June 17-18 and June 19; The 'Stung by Climate' showing in Yelm; Plans for the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium group to work in the Apiary in July; and the July 9th apiary work party that will include the construction of a fence with use of materials donated by Mclendon hardware.

Franclyn provided an update regarding WSBA association changes. The new president Garry Claute plans to update the organization structure. His goals include; restructuring the education and administrative components of WSBA, having online meetings, an advisory committee of all Presidents, and only 5 elected positions.

Finally the board discussed current education program challenges such as getting online test results, getting student certificates in a timely manner, and the need to charge students for printed books.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30