

## PCBA Board Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2016- Puyallup Library

Meeting called to order at 6:05

Present were: President- Franclyn Heinecke, Vice President- Alisa Shorey, Education chair- Larry Golden, Membership coordinator -Christine Viene, Programs coordinator – Marge Pearson, Apiary coordinator- Jeff Jones, Newsletter editor-Nicole Hickman, Secretary-Lisa Garnett, and member Andy Matelich

### Business

**Membership Chair Christine Viene** reported that of 498 listed members 241 are currently active. She wondered if non active members should be removed from the list. Larry Golden advised that we not worry about removing inactive members as some members who are no longer local may wish to remain active.

**Education chair Larry Golden** reported that PCBA's participation in the South Sound Science Fair held at Pacific Lutheran University was successful; however 1 person participating on behalf of PCBA was not actually a member. He suggested we find a way to assure participants in PCBA sponsored events are in fact members. He suggested that for some events we require that participants have taken and passed the apprenticeship exam.

**Membership chair Marge Pearson** reported that Dr Linda Chalker Scott of WSU will speak at the April General meeting. A summer weekend seminar is in the preliminary planning phase.

**Apiary Report- Jeff Jones** reported that the last Apiary day went well with 20-30 participants. He reported 1 nonmember in attendance. The next scheduled Apiary day is April 16, 2016. Franclyn suggested use of a sign-up sheet at apiary events. She planned to make one. In the future, this would assure participants have signed the waiver that we is currently in the establishment phase. Jeff also reported that he could use more assistance in the apiary. Franclyn suggested increased journeyman involvement ideally 2 at each apiary event.

Spring and Puyallup Western Washington Fair updates from Alisa Shorey and Andy Matelich- Andy reported that he is looking into the logistical requirement for PCBA to hold a raffle at the summer fair. Plans are to raffle off a donated top bar hive. Larry Golden is refurbishing the hive. The board agreed to sell raffle tickets for 1 dollar. 1st prize will be the top bar hive. 2nd prize will be a basket with 6 1lb jars of honey. Spring fair plans include selling honey sticks 3 for 1 dollar and honey for 10 dollars per jar. Larry suggested having a TV at the fair to show educational videos. Andy felt this would be cumbersome due to space limitations and potential for theft.

**President updates and announcements-** Franclyn reported that based on the boards advice we are looking into having the hold harmless waiver approved by an attorney. Larry Golden planned to ask an attorney friend if they could review the waiver for a small fee Christine agreed to incorporate the new waiver into the membership application form. She also planned to add information about the waiver in

the upcoming newsletter. At the next meeting Franclyn planned to inform members that to participate in PCBA sponsored events they need to be current members who have signed our new waiver.

Franclyn presented the newly completed WSU forage project landscape design. She plans to share this with members at the April General meeting. Plans are to start planting hedge row this coming Fall. She hopes to use plant starts donated by club members. This will be announced at the April General meeting. Franclyn requested 200.00 budget to buy growth medium for use by members willing to donate plant starts. Marge motioned to provide Franclyn with these funds. The board approved this motion. Marge planned to contact Windmill Garden supply to get a planting medium price quote.

Franclyn reported that in honor of Earth week Yelm cinemas plans to show the video 'Stung by climate' on April 21, 2016. PCBA plans to have an educational booth at the event. There will be 100 free tickets to the event. This will be announced at the upcoming General meeting.

PCBA was invited to participate in the King County fair. The board suggested we decline this offer. Board members suggested that participation from the King County Beekeeping association would be more appropriate.

Franclyn had been contacted by a deaf person interested in taking our beekeeping class. They wanted to know if we provided interpreting services. In researching laws on this issue Larry found that we are not obligated to provide an interpreter. Franclyn said we could definitely provide thorough notes for each class. Some members offered to volunteer to interpret but consistent availability cannot be guaranteed.

The meeting adjourned ----at ????? Not too late 7:15????