

## PCBA General Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2016 Allmendinger building WSU Puyallup campus

Meeting called to order at 7:38

Present were board members Franclyn Heinicke, Alisa Shorey, Larry Golden, Christine Viene, Scott Larson, Jeff Jones, and Lisa Garnett. Many club members also attended the meeting.

### Business

**President Franclyn Heinicke** announced that because we are now registered as a 501(c)3 non-profit we can be included in various corporate matching programs such as Amazon's go smile.com. Members were encouraged to spread this information to other potential community participants. Fliers with details regarding how to register and include PCBA as a benefactor to the Fred Meyers and Amazon programs were distributed.

Franclyn announced that the Forage Bill 2478 passed in the house by 96/1 and in the Senate 47/0.

Members were reminded to register their hives. They were informed that all money spent on hive registration is used for honey bee health research.

**Education Chair Larry Golden** encouraged all members to participate in the Washington state beekeepers association certification process.

**Member Andy Matelich** announced that volunteers are needed to provide 4 hour shifts at PCBAs Washington State Spring Fair booth. Volunteers receive free fair admission. A sign up form was passed around to all members.

**Apiary Chair Jeff Jones** announced that the first apiary day is scheduled for March 12 at 11 AM. In the event of rain will be cancelled. Apiary bees are scheduled to arrive in April.

**Treasurer Scott Larson** provided an overview comparison of PCBAs 2014 and 2015 budgets. He informed members of upcoming 2016 projected budget expenses, such as the need to pay for liability insurance, and increased rent fees for the Allmendinger building. He announced that as of July 1, 2016 yearly membership dues will increase to 30 dollars per year. Members were informed that they have the option of paying at the 20/year rate if payment is made before July, 1 2016. This advance pay rate can be made for up to 3 years in advance.

### Presentations

**Member Vernon Craig** provided a great presentation titled, Mason Bees other Pollinators and Bee related Pest Control. He emphasized the value of native pollinators such as leaf cutters, digger bees, and bumble bees. Excellent information was provided regarding how to start and keep a healthy Mason bee hive. Vernon also educated members regarding the use of integrated pest management strategies. He recommended members put their yellow jacket traps out now.

At 8:30 members; Alisa Shorey, Jim McKay, Harvard Robbins, Jeff Jones, Charles Schaffer, and Alicia Halbert participated in a panel discussion regarding swarm prevention. Recommendations included: Keeping the brood nest open and potentially moving the old queen out of a hive; harvesting bees and frames from crowded hives then replacing removed frames with drone comb; having a reserve of drawn comb to provide early. Checker boarding was identified as another way to avoid overcrowding. Finally, it was emphasized that a hives decision to swarm starts early and that once started is difficult to stop. The book Swarm Essentials- Ecology, Management, Sustainability by Stephen J. Repasky and Lawrence John Conner was recommended.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55