

January 20, 2015

PCBA Regular Board Meeting

Puyallup Public Library

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Order was called at 6:00 p.m. Present were board members Franclyn Heinecke, Michael DeAngelo, Jeff Jones, Renzy Davenport, Larry Golden, Marge Pearson, Bob Pietila and interim secretary Scott Larson. Also in attendance were two general members.

**The Interim Secretary Scott Larson was introduced**, and will be voted on at the next general meeting on February 2, 2015.

**The Board reviewed and approved** the minutes from the December retreat and January 5<sup>th</sup> general and board meetings.

**Reporting from the Treasurer** occupied much of the first part of the meeting. The treasurer reported on December 2014 results, and the audit of the PCBA's 2014 financial position. The treasurer presented three motions for approval:

1. General and annual expenses incurred since the previous meeting – Motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Approved.
2. Allow the treasurer to approve planned or unplanned expenses up to \$200 without prior board approval – Motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Approved.
3. Budget of planned expenditures for 2015 [available online?] – Motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Approved.

### **Old Business**

**2015 Programs.** The board discussed "Treatment Free" which is the topic of the February general meeting. There was good discussion about what "Treatment Free", and the possible spectrum of treatment free is. All agreed that personal philosophy is the most important thing to consider when deciding on the spectrum of treatment options. Also briefly discussed are the topics for subsequent general meetings including:

- March – Solitary Bees, Dave Hunter
- April – Honey Production presentation, Morris Ostrofsky
- May – Peak Forage Flows, Thomas Mani
- June – Open – Community Clusters
- July – Queen Rearing Workshop, Sue Cobey
- Other suggestions – Climate Change and Bees

**Proctor Market** discussion continued with our participation in Pollinator Week and whether or not we could offer information on installing bees in new hives. There was consensus to continue to pursue these activities and see if general members would be willing to help.

**A Live Demo** at the Fair was discussed, but it was agreed that at this point the club will not be pursuing this.

### **New Business**

**Non Profit** status as a 501 (c)3 was discussed. The discussion focused on what it means for the club along with some of the programs that local businesses run that provide “kickbacks” to non-profit organizations that their customers are a part of. PCBA will apply for some of these community awards programs.

**WSBA Grants** were also discussed and the board brainstormed ideas on what we would apply for a grant for, those included:

- Apiary Improvements
- Further Honey House Improvements
- Protected viewing area for live demonstrations

**Speakers Fees and Mileage** reimbursements were discussed. It was agreed but not voted on that we should use the federal standards as published annually by the IRS for mileage and per diem expenses.

**Newsletter.** The committee agreed that the newsletter would be a good medium to publish minutes and committee reports. It was also discussed that meeting minutes should be published on the website after being approved by the Board.

**Membership Fees** were discussed. The committee debated whether there should be disparate fees for families and personal memberships. It was agreed that we would continue allowing anyone at the “Membership Address” to be considered a member.

It was also discussed whether or not we should allow non-members to sit in general meetings or education without first paying. There appeared to be a consensus that it is important to have an initial low commitment way to get people to show up and see if beekeeping is something they are really interested in, and more specifically, if the PCBA membership and education is something they want to be a part of.

### **President’s Report**

The president discussed the WSBA’s 2015 legislative activity and asked for a discussion on PCBA’s stance on advocating for public policy. The Board discussed whether or not we should advocate for specific issues or take more of an education approach to issues that are in front of the legislatures and/or voters. There was consensus that policy and legislative issues can be presented as informal, with members deciding whether or how they might respond. It was also discussed that it would be interesting to invite speakers that would talk about these issues as they arise.

### **Officer and Committee Reports**

**The Education chair** inquired whether or not there are brochures or other promotional and informational material to pass out when members of the club speak in public about bees. It was also discussed that it would be helpful to have some sort of flyer pertaining to regulations to pass out.

**Website.** The webmaster gave an update on the new PCBA website and the traffic that we are generating. She also updated the Board on the transfer of the “.net” website.

**The Membership chair** reported that there have been six requests for mentors generated on the website. He also reported on different ideas on how to arrange chairs in the Allmendinger Hall and for the need to have someone coordinate setup and takedown of the hall.

**Volunteers:** It is reported that we are in need of a Honey Queen, librarian, setup and takedown coordinator along with a mentor coordinator.

**Other**

Remind general membership that it is the law that they register their hives with the Washington State Department of Agriculture by April.

The code for the honey house needs to be changed and not displayed on the side of the honey house.

Consider pricing for use of the honey house and extractors.