

April 6, 2015

General Meeting

Allmendinger Hall, WSU Puyallup

Order was called at 7:28 p.m. Present were board members Franclyn Heinecke, Alisa Shorey, Scott Larson, Jeff Jones, Larry Golden, Marge Pearson, and Bob Pietila. There were also many members in attendance.

Business

President Franclyn Heinecke discussed Legislation Day that happened March 5th. She indicated that SHB 1645 moved from the House to the Senate. SB 5017 is still moving through the process. Franclyn also provided an update on several other pieces of Club Business including:

- Apiary day went well with more people expected as the weather improves.
- Pollinator Day on June 20th at Proctor Market was mentioned.
- Sue Cobey's lecture on July 25th was announced.
- February and March Minutes were approved by the general members.
- The Treasurer's February Report was approved by the general members.
- Remembering Wendell Phillips and Bob Rice, two late beekeepers.
- It was announced that Larry Golden is moving from chair of Membership to Chair of Education and that we are seeking a new Membership Coordinator.

Main Discussion – Morris Ostrofsky, Managing Honeybee Populations for Greater Honey Yield

Morris had a very good lecture on how to manage honeybees for greater honey production. This included:

- How higher numbers of bees in a hive increase the efficiency of honey production.
- Ways to make sure your colony has the best chance to survive the winter and enter the spring with a strong hive.
- Medication
- Feeding techniques for the winter and spring until the main nectar flow starts.
- Different honey styles to produce.
- Two Queen Hives
- Glass Jar Beekeeping

The discussion concluded with many questions from the membership.