

February 17, 2015

PCBA Regular Board Meeting

Puyallup Public Library

Order was called at 6:05 p.m. Present were board members Franclyn Heinecke, Alisa Shorey, Michael DeAngelo, Scott Larson, Jeff Jones, Renzy Davenport and Marge Pearson. Also in attendance were Ginger Carter and Becky Sundstrom.

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes from the January 20, 2015 Board meeting and the February 2, 2015 General meeting – Motion, 2nd and Approved.

The Treasurer reported on income and expenses from January. It was noted that January is a higher income month as many new people join the Club for the start of the Beginning Beekeeper Class.

Old Business

Franclyn provided an update regarding Pollinators Day at the Proctor Market. Items are being collected for activities that that the Club will be assisting in.

The Spring Fair was discussed, specifically the honey that the Club sells at the fair. The Board discussed that the Club has previously sold honey for \$8.50/lbs. It was agreed that the price should be increased to \$10.00/lbs. Labeling of the honey with the Club's name and website was also discussed, but it was decided that unless the honey came from the Club's Apiary, our label would be a secondary label as the producer's label needed to also be included.

Scott brought up for discussion other outside events that the club could be involved in. It was agreed that more participation from the general membership would be required before board members were willing to take on more activities. Renzy, however, indicated that he is willing to provide short notice "kid education" if anyone enquired to the club about such things.

Fund raising or grant writing was discussed and consideration was given as how best to move ahead. It was agreed that we should move ahead with writing a WSBA grant, and a possible use of the funds would be apiary improvement.

Marge updated the Board regarding programs that are in progress:

- The March General meeting would be on Mason Bees with guest speaker Dave Hunter from Crown Bees
- The April General meeting will have guest speaker Morris Ostrofsky, a Master Beekeeper from Eugene, Oregon.
- The May General meeting will have guest speaker Thomas Mani
- For the June general meeting we will see about sharing a speaker with PSBA from Cornell University
- In July Sue Cobey will holding a queen rearing workshop on July 25th.

New Business

The board discussed the guidance the Club would provide to members concerning ordering new bees and where to purchase equipment. It was decided that at the March general meeting members would

be reminded to start ordering bees and where to find equipment and bee suppliers. Jeff also reminded the board that he would be having a hive building demo on March 21st.

Michael updated us on some of the things he has been working on including:

- Updating the pin for the Honey House.
- Discussions are ongoing to determine an appropriate fee for use of the Honey House.
- The Board will need to approve funds to purchase mason bee homes for the Spring Fair.
- Woodenware for study grants was purchased and bees were ordered

President's Report

Franclyn updated the board on Legislative Day on March 5th and indicated they were intending to visit 106 legislators. The board also received an update on Senate Bill 5017, the Beekeepers as Farmers bill and House Bill 1654 regarding forage. Franclyn also noted that there is hope to introduce a further bill that would require consideration of pollinator habitat when making land management decisions.

Officer and Committee Reports

Becky provided an update on the new website and also indicated that she needs a week notice for posting requests for volunteers. It was also agreed that Becky should give a demo of the new website and how the volunteer feature works at the March General meeting.

Jeff provided a brief update on the apiary and indicated that he did not want anyone that is not a member of the Club in the apiary. The board also discussed a waiver of liability before allowing people into the apiary, but no further action was taken at the time regarding this.

Other

A general reminder about the special Board meeting regarding the Past President is going to take place on March 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Puyallup Public Library.