

March 16, 2015

PCBA General Meeting

Puyallup Public Library

Order was called at 6:00 p.m. Present were board members Franclyn Heinecke, Alisa Shorey, Michael DeAngelo, Scott Larson, Jeff Jones, Renzy Davenport Marge Pearson and Bob Pietila.

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes from the February 17, 2015 Board meeting, the March 2, 2015 General meeting and the March 9, 2015 special Board Meeting – Motion, 2nd and Approved.

The Treasurer reported on income and expenses from February – Motion, 2nd and Approved.

The White River High School Future Farmers of America presented on the use of neonicotinoid and their effect on honeybees. The group did a good job presenting both sides of the issue and we look forward to hearing how they do at their state competition.

Old Business

Preparations for the Spring Fair are coming along. Honey will be purchased and we are still looking for volunteers.

There continues to be discussion regarding the WSABA grant. The consensus is that we will be applying for it to do some apiary improvements. The details are still being worked out.

Marge updated the Board regarding programs that are in progress:

- The April General meeting will have guest speaker Morris Ostrofsky, a Master Beekeeper from Eugene, Oregon discussing honey production.
- The May General meeting will have guest speaker Thomas Mani
- For the June general meeting we will be sharing a speaker with PSBA from Cornell University.
- On July 25th Sue Cobey will be discussing queen rearing from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. We will be limiting attendance to 80 people. The price will be \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members.
- The date for the picnic was tentatively set for July 18th.

Progress continues to be made with regards to Pollinator day at the Proctor Market.

New Business

Renzy Davenport announced that he is resigning immediately from the education chair. He will not continue teaching the Apprentice Class.

The list of prospective beekeepers that was collected at the Fall 2014 Fair was discussed. Overlap between the clubs member list will be looked into.

The board discussed how to inform Louis of its decision regarding his removal as Past President. Jeff indicated that he could reach out to Louis and find out if he will accept a certified letter.

President's Report

Franclyn updated the board on how Legislative day went. Franclyn noted that the Forage Bill passed the Senate Ag committee, and the other bill is continues to work through the committees.

Officer and committee Reports

Becky noted that she passed out 100 flyers with information for beekeeping equipment and bees at the previous general meeting. Becky also indicated that she needs to update the website for Fair volunteers.

The library borrowing policy was discussed. There was agreement that library policy could be handled administratively and no input from the board is required at this point.

Ginger indicated that she wants to be able to get the newsletter out the Monday before the general meeting.

Jim updated the board on the study grant recipients and indicated that he is working on getting them going before their bees arrive.

Jeff informed the board that he received money from his employer for the study grand program.