

March 2, 2015

PCBA General Meeting

Allmendinger Hall, WSU Puyallup

Order was called at 7:30 p.m. Present were board members Franclyn Heinecke, Alisa Shorey, Scott Larson, Jeff Jones, Renzy Davenport, Larry Golden, Marge Pearson, and Bob Pietila. There were also many members in attendance.

Business

President Franclyn Heinecke talked about two bills moving through the State Legislature; one that would extend all the rights and responsibilities of “Farmers” to Beekeepers and the other to do with forage. Franclyn also talked about Legislative Day on March 5, 2015. Franclyn also provided an update on several other pieces of Club Business including:

- A quick Treasurer’s report as the Treasurer was not in attendance.
- A reminder that Board and General meeting minutes would be posted online after they are approved.
- 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. All members are welcome to attend.
- An update on the Spring Fair and a reminder that volunteers are needed and where to sign up.
- June 20th will be Pollinators Day at the Proctor Market
- Franclyn also introduced the new librarian Laurel Wright.

Renzy Davenport presented Apprentice Certificates to George Bluhm, Ryan Everett, Rachel Gaines, Scott Larson and Maura Winter.

Becky Sundstrom provided an overview of the new website and some of its features including the calendar that has beekeeping events from around the area as well as how to use the volunteer sign up section of the website.

Main Discussion – Dave Hunter from Crown Bees

Dave Hunter from Crown Bees talked about mason bees and leaf cutter bees and their benefits to the environment and agriculture. Dave also discussed the differences between mason bees and honey bees for hobbyists including less maintenance and more pollination per bee. Dave concluded his talk by discussing some of the issues facing the honeybee and all pollinators.