

June 1, 2015

General Meeting

Allmendinger Hall, WSU Puyallup

Order was called at 7:35 p.m. Present were board members Franclyn Heinecke, Michael DeAngelo, Scott Larson, Jeff Jones, Larry Golden, Christine Viene, Marge Pearson, and Bob Pietila. There were also many members in attendance.

Business

President Franclyn Heinecke had several general notes including:

- Pollinator Day Proclamation from Gov. Jay Inslee.
- Bee Festival on June 20th at Proctor Market was mentioned.
- Sue Cobey's lecture on July 25th was announced and registration is now open.
- There will be no general meeting in July.
- August 22nd is the Honey House BBQ.
- The auction will be in November
- April Board and May General Meeting Minutes were approved by the general members.
- The Treasurer's April Report was approved by the general members.
- Larry Golden and Andy Matelich received their Journeymen Beekeepers Certificates.
- 25 members received their Apprentice Certificates

Franclyn announced Becky Sundstrom as the recipient of the Bob Stump award.

Main Discussion – Peter Loring Borst, Varroa – The bug that won't go away.

Pete talked about the history and origins of the Varroa mite and how it got to the United States. Peter continued on with the external symptoms of Varroa mites and continued into the symptoms in the brood. The discussion continued with ways to help against Varroa including selective breeding, and continuing on to different treatment methods and concluding with four strategies for effective Vaverroa control.

Slides from the lecture can be found on Pete's website: peterloringborst.com

The discussion concluded with many questions from the membership.