

West Sound Beekeepers Association Minutes
Board Meeting
Stedman's Bee Supply, Silverdale WA
January 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M.

Quorum Present: Officers George Purkett, Sophi Gwynne (on speaker phone), Bob Finley, Janet Finley; and Trustees Joe Gwynne, Lucia Olson, and Darlene Stiffey were present. Past President Frank Wilson was absent.

The minutes from the November 21, 2017 Board Meeting, electronically distributed, were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Finley

- The total of WSBA funds stands at \$16,768.16 spread between all accounts.
- Member count for 2018 so far totals 17 paid memberships.
- Reimbursement receipts for the Christmas party are still outstanding.

APIARY MANAGER'S REPORT: Fred and Christine Drewien

- The Apiary Manager (correct title "Director of Apiary Services") for 2018 will be Fred Drewien with his wife Christine helping to shoulder the responsibilities.
- A full inventory of the supply shed contents and status of the hives has been undertaken. Organization of the shed has been extensive.
- The desirability of creating a Apiary Committee, headed by Fred, was discussed with the goal of interacting with the Volunteer Coordinator and Education Committee to dovetail activities. All were in favor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: George Purkett

- George welcomed our new Trustees and Officers and gave his goals for an exciting 2018.
- The current DOS WSBA website has been updated with new Board contact information.
- A new website is being developed with multiple tabs leading to news, calendars, information, the library collection, educational opportunities, volunteer opportunities, etc. The goal is that multiple webmasters can keep content current and more easily accessed.
- A discussion was held on the Treasurer coordinating with officers, committee chairs, and key members being tasked with purchasing supplies for the Association with information on how their financial

activities are affecting the budget line items. Duplication, overspending, and committing funds not available in the budget are to be avoided.

- Officers, Trustees, and Committee Chairs should be supplied with a packet containing a copy of the 2018 budget, a list of projects, a form for submitting receipts for reimbursement, a current membership list, and key contact information.
- George distributed a CD to each participant who will speak at the Apprentice Beekeeper Course beginning on February 27. On the CD is course materials and Power Point slides for each topic.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Sophi Gwynne

No report. Sophi was on travel and accessing the meeting through a speaker phone connection.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS - GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- TOPIC 1: PORTA-POTTY

Discussion of porta-potty needs for the Apiary, which will cost approximately \$150 per month regardless of the length of service. Currently this expenditure is not budgeted so project is tabled until we can come up with a means of funding the rental.

- TOPIC 2: INSURANCE

Frank Wilson is working at finding coverage for our Association as the WA State Beekeepers Assoc. has no umbrella coverage.

- TOPIC 3: CALENDAR

The idea of printing a 2018 calendar has been revised. A 2019 calendar will be printed in mid-summer with a longer available period to market and sell them. Sophi has a contact that can reduce the cost per unit to \$7. A plan to offer them for sale at the Kitsap County Fair and Stampede in August was proposed.

- TOPIC 6: CHRISTMAS PARTY

A recap of the December Christmas Party was discussed. The turnout was better than last year, despite the change in location, and the Christmas Party Committee did a wonderful job of creatively transforming Darlene and Jason Stiffey's pole barn to a twinkling, greenery-bedecked festive space.

- TOPIC 7: EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The first Education Committee meeting was held on Jan. 8 at the Finley home, and Shaari Unger and Darlene Stiffey have volunteered to co-chair. The first course of action was to select speakers to present the topics of the Apprentice Beekeeper Course in February. The next meeting will be held on January 30 at 6 PM at the same location.

- TOPIC 8: WSBA LENDING LIBRARY

Sophi Gwynne has undertaken an inventory of our library's available publications, videos, blueprints, and notes, and contacted members with outstanding materials long overdue. Many have been returned. A simple color-coded system will be implemented to make accessing information easier.

- TOPIC 9: APIARY COMMITTEE

The newly-formed Apiary Committee, headed by Fred Drewien, will schedule a planning meeting for any interested members. Secretary Janet Finley will notify the entire WSBA database when a meeting location and date have been determined.

Board meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

The General Membership meeting followed with open discussion from 7:00-7:50 PM. Many present renewed their memberships.

At 8 PM a special presentation on the Slovenian AZ hives, complete with models, visual aids, and a Power Point slide show was given by Dana Schack and Debra Langley-Boyer. This was a part of a proposal to include AZ hives in the Apiary in addition to the Langstroth, Warre, Top-Bar, Nucs, and Logzilla hives already in place.