



Pueblo County Beekeepers Association

Providing Education and Support for Beekeepers and the Public

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PCBA Club Meeting Minutes February 8, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

The club meeting was called to order by Dru Spinuzzi at 6:33 p.m.

1st agenda item: Treasurer Report

- Balance:
 - Motion to accept~ Rick M
 - 2nd motion~ Randy Edwards
 - Passed unanimously

2nd agenda item: Minutes Report

- Passed out for everyone to read
 - Motion to accept~ Jerry Pfirsch
 - 2nd motion~ Rick M
 - Passed unanimously

3rd agenda item: Board Introduction

- Dru, Steven, Kristi, Pam, Rick L, Holly, John, Tami, Rick M., Maura

4th agenda item: Survey

- Passed around code for survey
- Need ideas on how members want to spend our money

5th agenda item: Bee School: Rick

- 32 enrolled in the past , 57 students enrolled now
- Good idea to answer questions, new extraction video this year,
- Sign up for membership before signing up for school

6th agenda item: Bees and Equipment sales

- Dwight, Beeline of Colorado: has best prices for equipment
- Don Hall: Burley Bees Honey
- Big R: mail order, bees die, not recommended
- Vic Boley: Boley's Bee Haven: Local Bees, and queens
- Dru Spinuzzi: Drubeez: Local Bees and queens
- Rocky Mountain Bee Supply in Springs

7th agenda item: Scholarship Program:

- Youth scholarship
 - Chance drawing money funds scholarship
 - Fill out application and committee will review
- CSBA: Master Beekeeping Certificate Program
 - 3+ years program
 - Scholarship for every level (3), 2 half tuition paid

8th agenda item: Volunteer Coordinator, upcoming events

- Highly recommended to donate 8 hrs. a year for membership to help
- Sign up genius is going to be used for volunteer sign ups
- Western Landscape Symposium, Mar 30th: need volunteers
- Campbells Store, May 16th, informational booth, need volunteers
- Chuck wagon event at Goodnight Barn, May 17th, need volunteers
- Earth Day, Apr 20th, El Pueblo History Museum, beer! Need volunteers
- Buell Children's Museum, No info yet
- Home Depot, informational booth, but will only do if we aren't too busy

9th agenda item: Steve Gibson Chance Drawing

- Donated bee prizes worth almost \$2000
- Money goes toward youth scholarship
- Run by Theresa and Randy Edwards since the beginning

10th agenda item: Programs

- Swarm List
 - Have to be a paid member to remain on the swarm list from last year, Mar 31 deadline
 - Scramble in April for those who want to go back on the list
 - Family membership gets 2 people on the list, corporate gets 3
 - 1-800- I Spy Bees: calls Dru when community report swarms
 - Typically, a 2 year wait list
- Mentor Program
 - Passed out rules, please be considerate
 - Be a mentor if you've had bees for at least 2 years
 - Hives for Heroes, Hives to heroes: Military Vet, 1st responder bee mentorship program
- Field Days
 - 2nd Saturday (13th) of April: equipment field day at Beeline, demo on vape gun and wand
 - Mite field day in June (ish) with Rick M.
- County Fair, State Fair
 - Informational Booth, talk about bees and get people to sign up to PCBA
- Extractor Rental Program
 - Can rent from the club
 - \$25 for 3 days
 - \$100 deposit you get back when it's returned clean
- Vape gun (110 ProVape) and Wand Rental Program
 - Can rent from club
 - \$10 per day for 3 days, 4th day is freebie (10 days apart)
 - Must have own respirator (pink one), and oxalic acid
 - Demo in April
 - Dwight sells little packets of OA

11th agenda item: Vendor event

- May 4th, 9-4 maybe
- At El Pueblo History Museum
- Food Trucks
- Booths fee probably \$45

Comments

- Need ideas on how members want to spend our money

Roundtable: members can ask anything

- Suggestion: Class on splits, and swarm management

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.