



# Pueblo County Beekeepers Association

*Providing Education and Support for Beekeepers and the Public*

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## **PCBA Club Meeting Minutes June 13, 2024, 6:30 p.m., Lamb Branch Library**

**The club meeting was called to order by Dru Spinuzzi at 6:28 p.m.**

### **1<sup>st</sup> agenda item: Reports**

- Treasurer
  - Everyone had the report emailed to them
  - Dru went over it
  - Motion to accept ~ Beth Hayes
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> motion ~ Patty Heidel
      - Passed unanimously
- Secretary
  - Everyone had the minutes emailed to them
  - Motion to accept ~ Gerry Pfirsch
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> motion ~ Beth Hayes
      - Passed unanimously

### **2<sup>nd</sup> agenda item: Old Business**

- Varroa Mite Clinic
  - Was successful, Thank you to Rick and Sue Martinez
- June eNewsletter
  - Emailed to membership on June 10<sup>th</sup>

### **3<sup>rd</sup> agenda item: New Business**

- Beth Hayes: CSU Extension Happenings
  - Grasshopper control class: Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Drout meeting: Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>
  - 2024 Natural Resource Tour: July 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Stockman's Association: Meat Raffle: Do not need to be present to win
  - Pueblo County Fair: July 19<sup>th</sup>
    - Can sell items this year as a vendor
    - Application: \$20
    - Ask Beth for more information
- Annual Picnic: Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. at City Park behind the fountain
  - The club provides meat
  - Members bring a side

- Volunteer Opportunities
  - Pueblo Country Fair, July 19<sup>th</sup>
    - Information booth
    - Scholarship recipients are required to be there
  - State Fair,
    - Information booth
    - Run by the CSBA, sign up to volunteer through them
- Calendar Fundraiser
  - Need a photo release
  - Send photos and photo release to Amy Almquist

**4<sup>th</sup> agenda item:** Presentation

- Integrated Pest Management: How to Safely and Appropriately Use Pesticides by Matt Martinez

**5<sup>th</sup> agenda item:** Swarms

- Halfway through this year's list and will may need to start the new list

**6<sup>th</sup> agenda item:** Open Discussion

- Pests:
  - Use cinnamon, tanglefoot, diatomaceous earth, or cornstarch to keep ants away from hives
    - Ants will eat the eggs
  - Use wasp traps early in the spring to kill the queens, use fake wasp hives to trick wasps into thinking territory is taken
    - A wasp can kill a weak hive
  - Para-Moth, wrap, and put lights on hives to keep wax moths away
- If you lost hives due to natural events, you could recoup costs from the Farm Service Agency
  - Must document the loss
- The CSU-Extension office can ID larva you bring in at no cost

**Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.**

Kristi Aguon  
Secretary