



# Pueblo County Beekeepers Association

*Providing Education and Support for Beekeepers and the Public*

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## PCBA Club Meeting Minutes March 14, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

The club meeting was called to order by Dru Spinuzzi at 6:30 p.m.

### 1<sup>st</sup> agenda item: Treasurer Report: Pam

- Everyone had it emailed to them
  - Motion to accept ~ Beth Hayes
    - 2nd motion ~ John Withaar
      - Passed unanimously

### 2<sup>nd</sup> agenda item: February Minutes Report

- Everyone had it emailed to them
  - Motion to accept~ Gerald Pfirsch
    - 2nd motion ~ Beth Hayes
      - Passed unanimously

### 3<sup>rd</sup> agenda item: Old Business

- Bee Curious Bee School: Maura
  - More than doubled past years' enrollment
  - Lots of positive comments on the survey
  - No bee school next year; will have the speaker event instead
  - Originally had 50 seats, added 27 more for a total of 77 students
  - Need a bigger space for next year
- Steve Gibson Chance Drawing: Dru
  - Drawing at April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting
  - Drawing funds youth scholarships
  - Text, email, or call Dru, Holly, or the Edwards to get a ticket
  - May be able to sell at Western Landscape Symposium, Beth will find out and let Dru know
  - Email Pam if you want to judge a science fair on Mar 27<sup>th</sup>, [pam.caprio@canoncityschools.org](mailto:pam.caprio@canoncityschools.org).
- Youth Scholarship Applications:
  - Youth must be a beekeeper, 18 yrs. old or younger and does not have to be in 4H
  - Send to either
    - [Holly BMAL2@pueblocountybeekeepersassociation.com](mailto:Holly.BMAL2@pueblocountybeekeepersassociation.com)
    - [Dru president@pueblocountybeekeepersassociation.com](mailto:Dru.president@pueblocountybeekeepersassociation.com)
  - Deadline March 30<sup>th</sup>
  - 2 applications so far

### 4<sup>th</sup> agenda item: New Business

- Swarm List
  - List has 27 people on it
  - Unpaid members will be removed by March 30th
  - Scramble at the April meeting
  - Email [pueblobees@gmail.com](mailto:pueblobees@gmail.com) to get added to the list

- Bee Curious Makers Market ~ May 4 2024, 9-4 pm, at El Pueblo History Museum
  - Vendors register on Eventbrite
- Volunteering for Up-and-Coming Events
  - Western Landscaping Symposium
    - March 30<sup>th</sup>, 9-3 pm
    - Need 6 volunteers
    - Sign up on the Sign-Up Genius link
    - Tickets to the event are still available on Sign-Up Genius

**5<sup>th</sup> agenda item:** Presentation: Diagnosing a Dead-Out: Joe Komperda

- Average Joe Beekeeper
- Contact: (303)304-6459, [beekeeper@happyBusyBees.com](mailto:beekeeper@happyBusyBees.com)
- Email for PDF version of the presentation, put “Dead-Out PDF” in the subject line
- Honey Bee Health Coalition Book, free download: [https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/HBHC-Guide\\_Varroa-Mgmt\\_8thEd-082422.pdf](https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/HBHC-Guide_Varroa-Mgmt_8thEd-082422.pdf)
- Wife, Debbie, makes alpaca insulation for the top of the hive

**6<sup>th</sup> agenda item:** Presentation: Hives For Heroes: Scott Tanner

- Colorado State coordinator for Hives for Heroes
- Will have a presentation next month on mentoring
- Nonprofit, focus on connection with active or veteran military and 1<sup>st</sup> responders
- Anyone willing, able, and with 3 yrs. experience can be a mentor; do not have to be a veteran
- Awards and scholarships available for mentees
- Go to [hivesforheroes.org](http://hivesforheroes.org) to sign up

**7<sup>th</sup> agenda item:** Mentor Program

- Coordinator: Rick Ludwig
  - Email to sign up
    - [pueblobess@gmail.com](mailto:pueblobess@gmail.com)
    - [BMAL1@pueblountybeekeepersassociation.com](mailto:BMAL1@pueblountybeekeepersassociation.com)
- Guidelines emailed to everyone

**8<sup>th</sup> agenda item:** Membership

- Can use Eventbrite to sign up
- March 31<sup>st</sup> is the last day

**Comments**

- Need to have bees and equipment ordered and ready to go ASAP, bee delivery on Apr 27<sup>th</sup> for most places
- CSU: Extension: Plant sale May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Fine Arts Building, Colorado State Fairgrounds, 1001 Beulah Ave, Pueblo CO
  - <https://i0.wp.com/pueblobshed.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2024-SHED-Plant-Sale-Half-Sheet-Flyer-2.21.24.jpg?ssl=1>
- Quarterly Newsletter starting April 1<sup>st</sup>

Motion to close meeting ~ Beth Hayes

2<sup>nd</sup> motion ~ Holly Gagnon

**Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.**

Kristi Aguon, Secretary