



# Pueblo County Beekeepers Association

*Providing Education and Support for Beekeepers and the Public*

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## **PCBA Club Meeting Minutes May 9, 2024, 6:30 p.m., Lamb Branch Library**

**The club meeting was called to order by Dru Spinuzzi. The time was not given on Zoom.**

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

- Treasurer
  - Everyone had the report emailed to them
  - Dru went over it
  - Motion to accept ~ Rick Zavitz
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> motion ~ Randy Edwards
      - Passed unanimously
- Secretary
  - Everyone had the minutes emailed to them
  - Motion to accept ~ Gerry Pfirsch
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> motion ~ Rick Zavitz
      - Passed unanimously

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

- Makers' Market May
  - Vic, Rachel Dru, and Beth put this event together
  - Netted \$1500
  - Need ideas to spend this money
- Mentor Program
  - Perdita Butler still needs a mentor
    - Rick will get her one

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

- Calendar Fundraiser for 2025
  - Send in photos to Amy's email (sent in an email on May 8<sup>th</sup>)
  - Need to sign a photo release
- Volunteer Opportunities
  - Contact Tami
  - Campell's Flowers: May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 am - 2 pm
    - Information booth, we are not selling anything
    - Need a couple more volunteers in the afternoon
      - Can sign up with sign up genius

- Volunteers need to help set and tear down the event
- Pueblo Country Fair, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 9 am - 3 pm (Tentative)
  - Information booth
  - Scholarship recipients are required to be there
- June will be focused on mites
- Field day: Varroa Mites
  - June 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Can sign up on Eventbrite, discount for members with code
  - Lunch provided
  - Bring a lawn chair and bee suit

#### **4<sup>th</sup> agenda item:** Presentation 1

- Bee Sting Management: Terra Spinuzzi
- Terra\_Spinuzzi@msn.com
- Dru: You need to wear a suit when dealing with bees

#### **5<sup>th</sup> agenda item:** Presentation 2

- Initial Hive Inspection: Dru Spinuzzi

#### **6<sup>th</sup> agenda item:** Swarm Scramble

- Added everyone who wanted to be on the list
- Created the list
- When Dru calls, you have 10 minutes to call back or she moves on to the next person on the list
- Be ready to go when you get a call
- Must be a paid member to stay on the list from year to year

#### **7<sup>th</sup> agenda item:** Open Discussion

- Know where your bees come from
- Don't get scammed from online sellers
- Do not release bees you do not want. Find a place for them
  - Maybe keep them in your neighbor's yard
  - Contact Dru if you need help
- Montana beekeepers have to be registered with the state and their bees have fewer illnesses

**Meeting adjourned. Time was not given on Zoom**