

# Pueblo County Beekeepers Association

Providing Education and Support for Beekeepers and the Public

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### PCBA Club Meeting Minutes October 17, 2024, 6:30 p.m., Lamb Branch Library

The club meeting was called to order by Dru Spinuzzi at 6:35 p.m.

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

- Treasurer
  - o Pam went over
  - Motion to accept ~ Richard Reese
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> motion ~ Louis Spera
      - Passed unanimously
- Secretary
  - o Minutes were emailed and handed out
  - Motion to accept ~ Kristin Balsick
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> motion ~ Richard Reese
      - Passed unanimously

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

- Vap gun, and honey extractor rental
  - See Kristi to rent
  - Vap wand is out of service

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

- Speaker Event: March 29, 2025, at Pathfinder Park, in Florence, CO
  - o Dru is chairing
  - o 6-8 Speakers on various topics
  - o Chance Drawing, honey competition, silent auctions, Maker's Market, food trucks
  - o Planning Meeting on Nov 21 at 5 pm at CSU-Extension office
  - o Passed sheet around for sign-ups for a committee for Nov meeting
- Colorado State Beekeeping Association winter meeting: Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> in Loveland, CO
  - o Randy Oliver and other speakers
- Woman in Ag at PCC
  - o PCBA will host an info booth
  - Need a few more volunteers
  - o Can listen to speakers after your shift
- Board Members needed for 2025
  - o Need four board members, election in January 2025

- President, Vice-President, BMALs 1 & 2
- Winterizing Hives by Dru Spinuzzi
  - o Take care of equipment on dead-out hives
  - o Tip the boxes up and let the bees clean it
  - o Store woodenware with Para-Moth
  - o If moths get into the frames, throw the frames away and get new ones
  - o Can insulate with quilt boxes

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

Sugar Board Demo by Dru Spinuzzi

5<sup>th</sup> agenda item: Honey Contest

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

- Do not put hives in a cornfield. Some corn has pesticides in it and will kill bees
- Should be feeding 2-1 sugar right now
- Get mite count down to zero
- Put mouse guards on

Meeting concluded at 8:15 p.m.

Kristi Aguon Secretary