

West Kootenay Branch of the BCHA
Annual General Meeting
April 2, 2017

Minutes

Executive Present: Nette Lack, Tom Bell, Terry Huxter, Bronwyn Krause & Axel Krause.

Meeting called to order by Nette Lack at 1:05 pm

Greetings & Introduction:

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: To adopt the agenda as presented

Sarah C.

Seconded: Angela L.

CARRIED

Review & Approval of last year's minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented

Darlene B.

Seconded: Ron M.

CARRIED

Correspondence

1. Thank you note from the Bee Awareness Society.

President's Report

Review of the last year: Fair turnout at all events participated in. Thank you to all the volunteers who participated in the fairs. Thank you to Nette for organizing the events.

Bylaws in Trail and Castlegar were addressed at city councils. Trail has changed their bylaw to allow beekeeping; Castlegar is running a pilot program.

The year long beekeeping course ran.

Queen rearing course ran thanks to Liz Huxter.

Marketing: launched website; banners were made for the tables; information handout

Bee Awareness Society was granted \$1000.00

BCHA: we became a branch; liability insurance in place for executives

CHC handbook is available for download on the website.

Treasurer's Report

Motion: To accept the report as modified with correct date on lines 2 & 7

Terry H.

Seconded: Peter W.

CARRIED

Regional Rep Report

None

Elections:

President:

Candidates: Axel Krause (by acclimation)

Vice President: Tom Bell to continue

Regional Representative:

Candidates: Gavin Firsler (by acclimation)

Treasurer: Terry Huxter to continue

Secretary: Bronwyn Krause to continue

Other Business

A. Update Signing Authorities for CIBC

Motion: To remove Nette Lack as a signing authority from the account:

Peter W.

Seconded: Sarah C.

CARRIED

Motion: To add Axel Krause as a signing authority to the account:

Darlene B.

Seconded: Laena B.

CARRIED

Motion: To remove all previous executives who are still signing authorities, but are no longer on the board.

Nette L.

Seconded: Angela L.

CARRIED

B. Report from BCHPA Semi-Annual Meeting (Axel)

Business Day: Constitution revision is ongoing; Fighting labeling issue (see Kootenay Bee News). Also see letter on BCHPA website. NMR testing for Chinese honey is in the works. Irene Tempo reported that there are 500 members and the association is in good financial shape. Secretary working on a strategic plan for the association. CHC rep: AB and MAN wants to get US border open to packaged bees. National Bee Health Survey is ongoing (less SASK). Paul: very important to monitor varroa at least monthly (3 mites per 100 bees is the threshold). Antibiotics will only be available through veterinarians. New drug available.

Ed Day: BCHPA website has all lectures on website. Michael Palmer was the highlight doing sessions on sustainable apiaries. Rudy Peters spoke about electronic sensors that can be put into hives. George Ferguson: labeling. New Legislation. Beekeepers handbook.

Advised to check out Eric Stromgren's presentation from last year on spring management.

C. Report from Bee Awareness Society (Linda)

Live Learning Tool (observation hive) to instil stewardship with children. Education of children and by association adults. Increased to 6 hives for 2016. Reviews were excellent and all wanted the hives back for the 2017 year. Approx. 20 requests were received for the 2017 year. 14 more hives will be required; the society is looking for donations of cash, materials, labour or time. \$5 per year membership to join the society. Attended Seedy Saturday in Nelson this year. May 15th to present to Nelson City Council. April 22nd Earth Day at the Co-op. Permission was given to be exempt from the pilot project in Castlegar for Castlegar schools. 3 grants have been applied for.

Motion: Grant \$1000.00 to the Bee Awareness Society for the 2017 year.

Nette L.

Seconded: Bronwyn K.

CARRIED

D. Proxy Letters

Motion: to give Axel Krause proxy for the BCHPA meetings for the Branch/Rep if required.

Peter W.

Seconded: Terry H.

CARRIED

E. T-shirts

Motion: To sell t-shirts as a fundraiser for the branch.

Angela L.

Seconded Darlene B.

CARRIED

2017 prices:

T shirt: Cost \$13 (incl. GST) Sell @ \$20

Golf Shirt: Cost \$18 (incl. GST) Sell @ \$30

F. Upcoming Events:

- April 22nd: Kootenay Co-op 9-10; Salmo Park 12 - 3
- May 6th: Pass Creek Spring Fair 11-4
- May 13th: Silver City Days Parade 11am; Critter Day 1-5.
- May 27th: Castlegar Garden and Naturefest 10-3
- June 3rd: Castlegar Sunfest Parade 11 am

Volunteers will be required and this is a great way to interact with our communities :)

Additions:

A. Angela's "Mother Nature's Chewing Gum" was selling for \$30 per jar.

B. Dave's Field Day: Date move to 11th of June (11 am to 3 pm) w/ BYOBBQ.

C. Next month's meeting will be May 7th at 1pm at Paul Taylor's.

D. Dave still has packages available; Ron has Queens & nucs available.

E. Request to send letter to stop spraying highway easements. Recommendation was made to each person to send a letter for individual property boundaries. Request for letter to be sent against spraying in general was tabled for a future meeting.

F. Keith supplied willow cuttings

G. Thanks to Nette for her hard work and expertise.

Meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm