

West Kootenay Branch of the BCPA
Monthly Meeting
January 7, 2018

Executive present: Axel Krause, Tom Bell, and Bronwyn Krause
Meeting called to order by Axel Krause at: 1:13 pm

1. Acknowledgements

2. Christmas candle making session was attended by about 20 members. All comments were very satisfactory and folks seemed very pleased with the candles they made for themselves. We had 3 stations making rolled candles, poured candles, and dipped candles. Materials were paid for on a cost recovery basis at \$0.02/gram. This is well below the cost of commercially available candles. The general consensus was that this should become an annual event. The executive will be discussing improvements for next year and suggestions are welcome.

Motion: That the club spend up to \$250 to purchase some good quality molds from ApiHex.
Keith S
Seconded: Laena B.

CARRIED

3. Axel reported that he has approached several grocery stores to save spilled sugar and donate it our club for bee feeding purposes. No Frills store in Castlegar has so far donated approx. 300 pounds of sugar. We agreed at a previous meeting that this sugar would first be given to the Bee Awareness Society for the school observation hives. There will probably be more sugar donated than BAS needs.

Motion: That the club run a raffle when excess sugar was on hand with ticket prices being \$2 each or 3 for \$5.
Bronwyn K.
Seconded Dave J.

CARRIED

Further discussion suggested that members might think about other donations that they might add to the raffle such as unneeded/unused bee equipment, baked goods, etc.

Adjournment at: 1:31 pm

Coffee Break

Educational presentation followed introducing about 10 interesting Internet bee websites. Discussion and questions ensued. Members are encouraged to report further excellent sites that they come across to Axel or Bronwyn so that these sites can be linked to the WK Beekeepers site for easy access by our members. (<https://westkootenaybeekeepers.ca/>)

Next meeting: Sunday 4 Feb 2018