

West Kootenay Beekeepers Meeting

October 1, 2022 – Meeting called to order at 1:02 pm at the Castlegar Public Library

1. Welcome and territorial acknowledgement.
2. Attendance
3. Treasurer's report:
 - Current Balance: \$4721.30
4. Secretary's report: No correspondence
5. President's report:
 - Agenda for meetings going forward. Can we post the agenda on the website instead of printing copies? As well as the minutes of the previous meetings? Agreement from the group.
 - Ministry of Ag survey – production survey is out for this fall – automatically sent to persons registered with more than 20 hives. For those with fewer hives please fill out form at gov.bc.ca/apiculture. Completely anonymous. Spring survey will be on winter survival.
6. Vice President's report (& regional rep report):
 - Yah Community! (yelling ensued)
7. Old Business:
 - Pass Creek Fall Fair – we were there, we got a great location thanks to Laurie. Honey House Beekeeping Supplies was next door. The observation hive was a big draw. Thank you to all the volunteers for taking a shift. Several entries for the honey judging. Laena and Axel were the judges (who did not enter). Thank you to the Bee Awareness Society, Honey House Beekeeping Supplies, Bee Bus Apiary, and Berle Jablonsky for donations to the raffle basket. We raised \$100.
 - National Bee Diagnostic Centre: They were shut down completely for Covid-19. They are restarting now.
8. New Business:
 - BCHPA AGM 14-16 October, 2022 in Kamloops. The meeting has been shortened to a half day business meeting on Friday and education sessions all day Saturday and Sunday morning. Can also attend via zoom.
 - Memberships: now is the time to renew your membership. New members are always welcome.
 - Elections are happening next meeting for Vice President and Regional Rep.
 - Meeting schedule: Traditionally held the first Sunday of the month. Library is no longer open on Sundays. 4 hour rental at the Library for \$30. We are looking at other options for January – May. December 4th candle making will be held at Laena's. June is traditionally a BBQ held at Dave's place – stay tuned closer to the time.

Meeting adjourned 2:15 pm