

West Kootenay Beekeepers Meeting

November 5, 2022 – Meeting called to order at 1:01 pm at the Castlegar Public Library

1. Welcome and territorial acknowledgement.
2. Attendance
3. Additions to the agenda & approval
 - Motion to approve Agenda: Peter W. Seconded Kenneth ... Carried
4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:
 - Motion to Approve the Minutes: Laurie. Seconded Malcolm ... Carried
5. Treasurer's report:
 - Current Balance: \$4417.85
 - Motion to Accept the Treasurer's report: Jen G. Seconded Bob G. ... Carried
6. Secretary's report:
 - Received new membership forms from Irene
7. Vice President's report (& regional rep report):
 - Vice president reports that we are a beautiful group
 - Laena will be performing in Nelson tonight – don't miss it!
8. Old Business:
 - Weedman/Terra Green: We would like to invite the owner to present to us. There was much conversation including whether the club can speak to the city councils, regional districts, ministry of forests (invasive species initiatives) about banning cosmetic spraying and coordinating spraying around hives. The group would like to revive the committee on pesticide/herbicide use. Please see Peter W. or Malcolm if you are interested.
9. New Business:
 - Regional Rep & President's report from BCHA AGM Kamloops:
 - i. AGM & Education Days: October 14-16, 2022 in Kamloops. A lot of information in a very short period. Over 150 participants to the hybrid meeting. Business meeting was Friday afternoon. Lana Popham, minister of agriculture, was unable to be there so her assistant, Arif Lalani stepped in to talk about 3 initiatives. First, BC Bee Grant, which has given grants to both Bee Awareness Society and Elk Root Conservation Farm in our area. Secondly, the Tech Transfer Program has been funded for three years by the government, which includes the citizen science study on economic threshold of Varroa infestations (see BCHA website – "get involved" link). And thirdly the ministry will be doing an economic analysis of provincial beekeeping. All executive reports from the business meeting are accessible now on the BCHA website. The conference education days included 8 speakers on a variety of topics. See the BCHA website for the recordings available in the new year. Major points included: Nutrition, Monitoring, and Treatments.
 - Elections for Vice President and Regional Rep.
 - i. Vice President: Laena by acclamation
 - ii. Regional Rep: Berle by acclamation
 - Memberships: please fill out your membership form to renew or join by paper or online.
 - Bee Awareness Society update

- December meeting: December 4, 2022– aka candle making workshop. Please drop in between 12 pm and 4 pm giving yourself enough time to craft your candles. If you would like to bring seasonal goodies, please do. Bring your own chair. If you can bring wax, we will get it cleaned up for future uses. Motion: Spend \$500 on new moulds and wick: Berle Seconded: Peter W. ... Carried
- Future meeting dates
 - i. January 8, 2023 Meeting at the Robson Hall. Future meetings TBD.

Meeting adjourned 2:48 pm Moved Laurie