

## West Kootenay Beekeepers Meeting

January 8, 2023 – Meeting called to order at 1:06 pm at the Robson Hall

1. Welcome and territorial acknowledgement
2. Attendance
3. Additions to the agenda and approval
  - a. Motion to approve the agenda: Keith Seconded: Paula ...Carried
4. Minutes of the previous meeting:
  - a. Motion to approve the minutes: Peter W. Seconded Malcolm ...Carried
5. Secretary/Treasurer's report:
  - a. Current Balance: reported
  - b. Motion to approve the treasurer's report: Berle Seconded Laurie... Carried
  - c. No correspondence received
6. President's report: no report
7. Vice President's report: February 11<sup>th</sup> – Lip Sync battle at the Capitol Theatre (bee there or bee square).
8. Regional Rep's report: Next Zoom meeting with BCHPA is Tuesday February 10, 2023. Cold snap has had an affect on a few people in the area.
9. Old business
  - a. Future meeting dates and places:
    - i. Local meetings: Stay tuned for February – May. Dave has extended an invitation for our annual BBQ in June.
    - ii. BCHPA semi annual meeting in Kamloops, March 24 & 25, 2023. AGM will be in Abbotsford, October 13 – 15, 2023.
  - b. Membership reminder
  - c. Spraying committee update: have not yet met formally – discussion ensued. Kate volunteered to connect with the invasive plant management folks, and hopefully get CKISS to present at one of our meetings. WeedMan and TerraGreen are a different issue and will require an education approach.
10. New business
  - a. Winter update:
    - i. Deadouts – hard to tell right now. IR cameras don't work around bubble wrap. Kitchen thermometers work, stethoscope, spycam... keep entrances open but shaded. If possible, check on a warmer day, crack the lid and check for activity. Consensus seems to be that upper entrances are a good idea. Can we please have a survey to gather better local info – yes. Bronwyn will take this on.
    - ii. December cold snap: Positional starvation (bees with bums sticking out of cells with dead bees between frames).
    - iii. What to be doing now:
      - Clearing bottom boards and entrances
      - Feeding fondant or candy board brick – don't feed liquid.
      - Shading the entrance to prevent cleansing flights in weather that is too cold.

- Watch videos, read books, build equipment, chat with other beekeepers.
  - b. Spring nuc list: Huxter's are not sold out yet, Swan Valley is an unknown, Elk root may have nucs, Lance Seibert may have nucs, Dave Johnson will have nucs, Ron Glaves will have nucs (order direct from him).
  - c. Selkirk Course: Planting for Pollinators (Gardening section) Beekeeper Series (Environment & Sustainability).
- 11.
- a. Please let Kate have your email if you want updates on nucs, her course (Planting for Pollinators), angelica plants (pre-pay if you would like). Bee Safaris for kids are booking up. Youth internships are available. Greenhouse grant came through from the federal government. Native plant book will be coming.
  - b. New Science: Vaccine against foulbrood, Varroa feed between laying generations.

Meeting Adjourned at: 2:29 pm