

West Kootenay Beekeepers Meeting

February 5, 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: Lance ...Carried
4. Minutes of the previous meeting
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes: Ryan Seconded: Dave ...Carried
5. Secretary/Treasurer's report:
 - a. Current balance reported
 - b. Motion to approve the treasurer's report: Janet Seconded: Keith ...Carried
 - c. No correspondence received
6. President's report:
 - a. Vino Farms <https://vinofarm.com/>
7. Regional Rep's report:
 - a. BCHPA Semi-annual March 24, 25 in Kamloops: Early bird registration still open and Zoom option available
 - i. BC Bee breeders are meeting at the Semi-annual and working with Tech Transfer Program
 - ii. Ron Glave is trying to set up a commercial branch of the BCHPA. They are meeting the last Wednesday of the month. Contact Ron for more info.
 - b. BCHPA Annual October 13-15 in Abbotsford
 - c. Apimondia is in Chile this year.
 - d. BeeScene is coming out the third week of February.
 - e. Nuria Morphin from the Tech Transfer Program is coordinating with other provincial TTP – looking for citizen scientists to participate. See website for more information. We are looking to have her come do a workshop/field day.
 - f. Paul van Westendorp did a small hive beetle presentation:
 - i. Alberta is pushing to open the US border to California packages
 - ii. As an alternative can other provinces up stock production?
 - iii. Is there a co-operative option for stock production?
 - iv. There is not enough data on small hive beetle to make a decision on a scientific basis. They have been found in the Niagara peninsula and 5 adults in Abbotsford. We don't know if they can survive our winter temperatures or what specifics of soil conditions are needed for the life cycle.
 - v. BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba have agreed on interprovincial movement requirements.
8. Vice President's report:
 - a. Mentor/mentee list
 - b. Swarm list
 - c. Leana's show is sold out YAY!
9. Old Business

- a. Membership reminder
- b. Kate's update on CKISS communication etc.
 - i. Meetings with CKISS personnel are underway
 - ii. Angelica is sold out – but Kate is checking with the supplier
 - iii. Nucs are coming but not guaranteed.
 - iv. Laena and Bronwyn are new volunteers with Elk Root Conservation
 - v. Information and Fundraising table is set up for anybody interested.
 - vi. Raffle money is going to support Bee Safaris – thanks!
- c. Spraying committee
 - i. Change the Name to Healthy Communities Committee
 - ii. What direction would we like to pursue
 - iii. Radio/Newspaper announcements? Kate has connections
 - iv. Keith is willing to donate pussy willow cuttings
 - v. Linda suggested having a town hall meeting
 - vi. Talk to regional districts about putting out information
 - vii. Social media campaign (Facebook, etc)
 - viii. Nathan suggested that we talk to department managers of spraying suppliers to put items behind lock and key and provide information.

10. New Business:

- a. Community Survey
 - i. General consensus is good with Bronwyn's plan going forward.
- b. Consumables for t-shirt maker
 - i. Motion to purchase heat transfer vinyl to a total price of \$150.00: Lance
Seconded: Janet ...Carried
- c. Petty Cash Fund
 - i. Motion to create a petty cash fund with a total of \$50.00: Keith Seconded:
Dave...Carried

11. Additions: None

Adjournment at: 2:21 pm