



Northwest Pennsylvania Beekeepers Association

General meeting minutes

March 15,2025

The meeting was called to order at 10am by CiCi Sweeny in Compton Hall on the PennWest Edinboro campus.

CiCi Sweeny introduced a new format for our general meeting going forward.

Shannon O'Lone introduced Adam Strickland as our featured speaker today. Adam presented his findings from a SARE Grant which tested the use of bleach in sugar syrup as a deterrent to mold growth and effect on bees. Adam concluded his presentation with his ideas on colony spring build up.

Officer reports:

February Minutes were presented, there were no changes or omissions discussed. A motion to accept as written by Ken Armagost and a second to the motion from Grady Maynard. The motion passed a significant majority of those present.

Charlie Vorisek presented the treasury report. A \$1000 donation was received from an organization the supports Nonprofit organizations. (side note, the donation was vetted prior to the meeting and found to be a legitimate organization and the donation was accepted). The treasury now holds \$12,231. It was noted that a significant growth in pellet sales is happening. NWPBA now boasts a membership of 330.

Announcements:

The Party for the Planet, Erie Zoo, will take place on May 3rd, 2025, 8a till 3p. Jenn Willert and Fred Dunn head this event. They are seeking volunteers to assist with this event.

The 2025 Scholarship applications are available and open for presentation.

Shannon O. is looking for a spotlight member for April.

Sue Yatzor invited everyone to tour their maple syrup house and sample their maple products.

An organized "hands on field day" for new/beginner beekeepers is in the planning for April, possible at the end of the meeting at the woodcock apiary called "The Hive Dive"

A pellet packing party will follow this meeting at Jeff Cote's farm.

The 50/50 drawing brought in \$435 with the winner Sam Stull winning \$218 and \$217 going towards door prizes.

Cathy Vorisek along with Pennsylvania Honey Queen Oliva Keltenbach were our spotlight presenters. Cathy V. explained the Honey Queen organization and her involvement. Oliva talked about her involvement as the Queen. She told of engagement goals for the year and where she has already presented her program.

For the good of the order:

Jane Manross offered equipment that they are phasing out.

Charlie Schroeck gave information regarding the Beekeeping class going on at Asbury Woods beginning in April, it goes on for 4 Wednesday evenings.

Charlie also announced that Asbury Woods will no longer carry beekeeping supplies and that he purchased the remaining supplies and is making them for sale to club members.

The next IHOP Beeks meeting is March 19th

The April meeting will feature Micheal Palmer.

A Question and Answer, general information session followed.

Door prizes were drawn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Morris and a second from Leigh Ann Hasbrouck. The motion passed without question and a majority of members show of hands.

Respectfully Submitted

Mark Anderhalt

Secretary