



## NWPBA February 15, 2025 General meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President CiCi Sweeny at 10:04 am.

Shannon O'Lone introduced our guest speaker Ross Conrad. His subject was Bees Wax: Production, Collection, Processing and Uses.

CiCi introduced Courtney Dingerson, A 2024 scholarship winner, to the membership. Courtney gave us a run down on her studies with the bee lab at University of Florida.

Officer reports as follows:

Shannon O'Lone that Picnic cups were available to any one who did not get one, 2024 field day t shirts are available at the welcome table for \$5, Members of the football team were available to assist with unloading and setup as well as tear down after the meeting, help can always be used at the welcome table. Mentors needed to help other beekeepers.

Mark Anderhalt informed all members present that the Minutes can be reviewed on the NWPBA web site. November Minutes were voted on with a motion from Ken Armagost and second from Jane Manross. The motion to accept the minutes was passed unanimously.

Charlie Vorisek gave a treasury report with the present bank balance at \$10574.00. He gave a profit and Losses report income totaling \$26,730 and expenses of \$23,320 leaving the association a profit of \$340.00. The change over to Online QuickBooks is continuing with much help from their "Experts". He is allowed 3 user access to the account which he is setting up for oversight. A legal address has been set up and is NWPBA, 3330 West 26th Street, suite 4 #257, Erie, PA 16506.

Charlie gave a 2025 PA Farm Show overview, 272 entries, and Honey Queen Olivia Kaltenbach was in attendance. Several awards were brought back to Northwest PA.

Jen Willert, Web Master, gave a report about items added to the web site for members to use as a easy reference.

Old Business:

The purchase of an enclosed utility trailer for club use to store and transport club related items was introduced,

The "I Spy" activity books are available to members for a \$1 each. Members are urged to purchase and give them out when encountering kids who might like information on honeybees.

A pellet packing party will be held immediately following the March meeting at Jeff Cotes farm, located on Fry Road, Edinboro.

The Spotlight Member is John Harmle, he is a long-time member of the NWPBA and gave a presentation on his style of bee hive boxes and his beekeeping methods.

Dave Parmenter won the 50/50 drawing of \$143. The door prize drawings followed.

Charlie Vorisek gave a short report on the "Bee Law", which has been essentially tabled for further review.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and seconded; Motion passed. Names of those offering the motion and seconding were not obtained.

Respectfully Submitted

Mark Anderhalt

Secretary

