

## March 21, 2026 NWPBA Club Meeting Minutes

### Introductions & Member Spotlight

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President Shannon O'Lone.

- **Guest Speaker:** Shannon introduced Ryan Williamson from Nectar Management, who served as the guest presenter for the session.
- **Scholarship Winners:** The club recognized this year's scholarship recipients: Grace Colwell, Lauren Sweeny, and Janel Prinkey.
- **Committee Update:** Cynthia Deep was announced as the Chair for the scholarship awards for the upcoming year.

### Officer Reports

#### President's Report (Shannon O'Lone):

- **Field Day:** Preparations are currently underway for June 20th. This year, the event will include vendors such as Jonas Miller, who will offer pre-orders for member pickup and have items on display. Charlie is working to secure additional guests, including past PA President Mark Gingrich, local inspectors (Karen, Bonnie Hall, and Maggie), and a mite count station suggested by Adam.
- **Sustainability:** To ensure the long-term stability of the club, Shannon and John are discussing a plan with the Board to invest pellet revenue into CDs. This initiative aims to prepare the club for future costs, such as potential venue fees.
- **Education Outreach:** The club is exploring the development of educational materials for community outreach. A collaboration is planned with Sue McDowell and the Master Gardeners for a youth activity on May 12th involving approximately 250 students. Members are encouraged to provide input on what resources should be available for "sign-out" use.
- **Safety:** PA Honeybee Emergency Response plan has been created by Robyn Underwood and Mark Gingrich, which the Board will review for potential adoption in future.

#### Vice President's Report (Jennifer Willert):

- **Swarm Season:** Members were reminded of the club's relationship with **BeeSwarmed.org**. Jennifer encouraged everyone to create an account and link it to the NWPBA to receive local swarm alerts.

#### Secretary's Report (Dylanna Grasinger):

- The previous minutes were reviewed. Shannon moved to approve the minutes, and Linda Ernst provided the second.

### **Treasurer's Report (John Prinkey):**

- **Financials:** The club balance is **\$14,359.43** as of March 21st, with an additional **\$120** in start-up funds. Pellet sales are currently at **\$1,200**.
- **Efficiency:** Appreciation was extended to Clark, Dale, and Eric for their help in streamlining the check-in process this month.

### **Old & New Business**

- **Communications:** Members who are not receiving emails should contact John Prinkey for troubleshooting. John also shared a comparison of 2025 and 2026 financials, noting that current numbers remain strong.
- **Volunteer Coordination:** Mark suggested moving away from Google Groups for volunteer management. He will collaborate with Dylanna and Dave Boone to implement a new platform for gathering volunteer information.
- **Q&A Forum:** Jennifer Willert moderated the club question-and-answer session.

### **Announcements & Upcoming Events**

- **Ag Safety Days:** Scheduled for early May in Venango and Clarion counties; contact Dave Boone for specific dates.
- **Party for the Planet:** Saturday, May 9th at the zoo.
- **Field Day:** June 20th, beginning at 9:00 AM.
- **Discover Presque Isle:** July 20–26. Interested volunteers should contact Steve Odom.
- **PA State Picnic:** To be held in July at State College.
- **Club Picnic:** Scheduled for August 8th at Common Grounds, hosted by Mark Anderhalt.
- **Beek Breakfast:** April 15th at 9:00 AM at IHOP.
- **Community:** Ken has 10-frame bottom boards available, and Charlie Shroeck has four remaining seats in his beekeeping class at Asbury Woods.

### **Raffle & Adjournment**

- **50/50 Drawing:** The total collected was \$300, with \$150 awarded to the winner (Ticket #35788).
- **Door Prizes:** Winners included holders of tickets ending in 9953, 9968, 9959, 9969, and 9948. Prizes consisted of Brood Booster, Tom Seeley books, beekeeping glassware, and club swag.
- **Adjournment:** Shannon O'Lone moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 PM. The motion was supported by Priscilla and Dave Stearns.

**The next club meeting is scheduled for April 18th at 10:00 AM.**