



## November General Meeting

11/16/2024

CiCi Sweeny called the meeting to order at 10:01 am in Compton Hall, PennWest, Edinboro Campus. The meeting was attended by 50 members and 2 guest.

CiCi introduced guest speaker Jeff Berta, owner of Always Summer Herbs. Jeff used the Kahoot's interactive app to encourage audience participation.

### Reports from Officers:

President, CiCi Sweeny announced the Western Pennsylvania Beekeepers Seminar early bird sign up ends the end of November.

No report from Vice President

Secretary, Mark Anderhalt presented the October minutes, a motion to accept from Sam Barlekoff and a second from Ann Growley. The motion passed with a majority of membership hands. Outreach numbers were read with 14 members traveling 2538 miles and spent 220 hours in 2 states to talk to 7,347 people about bees.

Treasurer, Charlie Vorisek reported \$12,080.00 in the account. Charlie reported the process of having a legal address that separated the NWPBA from individual private addresses. The new address is NW Pa Beekeepers Assoc, 3330 W 26th St, Ste 4-257, Erie, PA 16506. All membership correspondence will continue to be done with his address. He is switching from desktop computer Quick Book to the online cloud-based version. The desktop version is no longer supported.

Web Master, Jen Willert reported she has updated the event calendar on the website, including the Western Pennsylvania Beekeepers Seminar. She is looking for any photos from any club events and will be adding the general meeting minutes under the member section.

Members were reminded that an ad hoc board member term is expiring. This is an appointed position by the elected executive members. If anyone is interested, they should contact CiCi Sweeny.

Before the meeting started, members placed NWPBA contact stickers in the "I Spy" activities booklet. CiCi mentioned the books are available to members for \$1.

This year's scholarship winners were Olivia Keltenbach and Courtney Dingerson. Each will receive a \$500 scholarship. Both will be asked to join us either in person or via zoom to the February or March meetings.

Mark Anderhalt reported plans for the club to purchase an enclosed utility trailer to transport club materials to meetings and events. He asked that all members keep their eyes open for a trailer that would fit the bill for us.

CiCi asked if anyone was interested in having a guest in February as our guest speaker will need a room after our meeting.

This months spot light speaker is Adam Strickland. He used a PowerPoint presentation to tell us about his beginnings of beekeeping, is family and girlfriend and his future endeavors.

Erie Beek Breakfast meeting is Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> at IHOP.

Next meeting is February 15<sup>th</sup> at Compton Hall.

Charlie as for volunteers to put together a County Collective Display for the Pennsylvania Farm Show in January 2025.

The 50/50 winner was Rick Kelly \$165, club \$165

The meeting closed at 11:50a

Respectfully submitted by

Mark Anderhalt

Secretary