



NWPBA

October 19, 2024 General Meeting

CiCi Sweeny called the meeting to order at 10 am in Compton Hall, PennWest Edinboro. With 65 members and 5 with guest present.

She introduced guest speaker Melanie Seal. Melanie is the owner of Blue Sky Bee Supply. Melanie's presentation was on winter feeding suggestions. A Question and Answer session followed.

CiCi introduced Heidi Schepler, representative of the Western PA Beekeeping Conference. Heidi relayed Information on the upcoming conference on Feb 7&8th 2025. She extended an invite to all.

CiCi introduced Emily Hindle, A student at Allegheny College, she is working on a research project pertaining to beekeeping. She will be sending out a questionnaire. Emily will return in May to present her findings.

As a follow-up on the dangerous animal issue in Greenville, the Code Enforcement Officer will be submitting a bee-keeping ordinance , an indication that the PSBA model will be used.

The minutes from the April meeting were read by Secretary Mark Anderhalt. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Dave Boone and seconded by Brent Hayes, Motion carried unanimously by the membership present.

Charlie Vorisek gave a treasury report of \$14,952 in the checking account. Smoker pellets had a gross sale of \$20,000 and a net of \$7000.

Charlie also gave an update on the new bee law. There will be no action on this law as it never made it out of committee and will need to be reintroduced next year. The Apiary Advisory Board is concerned that it does not address specific diseases only AFB and pests.

NWPBA will sponsor Olivia Keltenbach, from New Castle, as a candidate for PSBA Honey Queen.

Jen Willert, Webmaster, would like to post pictures of any events members might have from this year. She would like to add any local events and update the 2025 events calendar.

CiCi reported the Scholarship deadline was extended to Nov. 2, 2024.

Unfortunately, Wendy and Bill Wozniak are stepping down from the pellet sales and shipping. They suggest that the sale of the pellets be on a shorter time frame instead of all

year-long sales. A request for someone to take over or develop another model for pellet sales. They noted an income of \$7000 to NWPBA.

8 ounce glass jars donated by Karen Rzepecki were given away along with silicone huggies.

The club is purchasing "I Spy" information booklets for distribution at events attended by NWPBA

Dave Boone took the spotlight and told how he became a beekeeper and helped with the AG Safety days in Clarion and Venango counties.

50/50, \$523.00 brought in, and the split was \$262 for the winner and \$261 to the club, won by Dale Krueger, who donated his half back to the club.

The next meeting is on November 16, 2024, at Compton Hall at 10 am. Jeff Berta will be the guest speaker.

Ken Andryc thanked Professor Matthew for securing the room for our meeting here at Compton Hall, PennWest, Edinboro.

Motion to adjourn the meeting from Linda Ernst, seconded by Fred Dunn, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Mark Anderhalt

Secretary NWPBA