



## NWPBA

General Meeting Oct 18, 2025

The October General meeting of the Northwest Pennsylvania Beekeepers Association was called to order by President CiCi Sweeny at 10am held at Compton Hall on the PennWest campus of Edinboro University.

It was attended by 60 members and 3 guests.

Due to a technical glitch the speaker /presenter was delayed.

Peggy Bell was introduced as the nomination committee chair. She was letting everyone present that elections for officers and 2 ad hoc positions would be elected at the next meeting in November. She encouraged members to look at taking on leadership roles within the club. Competition for those positions is healthy for the club.

CiCi took this time to point out free items available to club members, Key fobs, Penn State book on Bees of Pennsylvania, activity books and queen retention tools to mark your queens.

CiCi introduced Steve Repaski and his presentation on winterizing your bees. His presentation was well received with many follow-up questions and conversations.

The minutes from the April meeting, A motion to accept as wrote by Fred Dunn and a second from Adam Strickland. The motion to accept passed unanimously.

John Prinkey gave a treasurer's report. The checking account is \$15,772.81. Pellet sales was reported as being over \$12,000. A check for 40 cases of activity books was submitted for \$1000 to Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association, A check to CiCi Sweeny for Door Prizes of \$113.86 and A appearance check to Steve Repaski for his Presentation today.

Roy Bennett Gave a report to the general membership about the PA State Sales tax issue. His assessment of tax, penalty and interest due to the state in the area of \$300 far less than what was discussed at the board meeting.

CiCi reported that applicants for the scholarships are due by October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, for this year. They may be traditional or non-traditional students.

Shannon has placed jugs out to collect names or topics for future speakers and a jug for suggestions in general.

Jen Willert spoke on BeeSwarmed, the donation sent earlier in the year was for a start up fund. It did give NWPBA members some perks, it does not include email notifications which cost \$2 to sign up for.

Charlie Vorisek reported on the PA Bee law, presently on hold till after the elections and no language has been changed yet. He noted that the PA Farm Show is coming up Jan4th through 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Now is the time to enter your honey and possible club display.

This month's member spotlight was Maggie Murphee, our regional State Bee Inspector, She gave a brief back round about herself and doing inspections for AFB, her primary focus.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Chris Titus for \$185. This was followed by door prize drawing.

Erie beeks meeting every third Wednesday morning at IHOP in Erie.

A motion to adjourn was made by Matt Foradon and seconded by Sue McDowell, The motion passed with a majority of members present by show of hands.

Respectfully submitted by

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Secretary