

NWPBA

April 20, 2024

General Meeting Minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am By CiCi Sweeny, President.

The meeting was attended by 61 members and 6 guests at Compton Hall, PennWest Edinboro campus.

Introduction of Michael Palmer by Shannon O'Lone. Micheal has French Hill Apiaries in Vermont and is a world-renowned speaker. Michael presented a talk on comb honey production via Zoom. His presentation was followed by a Q&A.

The general meeting started with the approval of minutes from the March meeting. Motion to accept by John Prinkey, Seconded by Dave Boone. The motion passes unanimously.

Treasury report by Charlie Vorisek. Checking account balance of \$13184.00. Pellet sales net sales. \$3807.00.

Charlie discussed "The New Bee Law". It will be titled the Plant Pollinator Protection Act. A bill number has not been assigned but is expected the first week of May. As soon as it has a bill number the bill draft will be posted to the PSBA website. Pennsylvania Dept. Agriculture hopes for a Senate and House vote by mid-June.

Webmaster, Jen Willert, has updated the page with dates and information on the scholarship.

Jen Willert has graciously taken on Party for the Planet at the Erie Zoo. May 18th. Anyone wanting to help with the event can contact Jen.

CiCi Sweeny thanked the scholarship committee for their help in structuring the scholarship and the upcoming selection process.

Bill and Wendy Wozniak have shipped over 2000 lbs. of smoker pellets.

Ag Safety Days for Venango and Clarion Counties coming up on May 14th for Clarion, and May 20th for Venango, help is needed for the Clarion County Event.

Steve Odom has created a sign-up for the Presque Isle event.

Mark Anderhalt reported on the upcoming Swag Store, which should come online shortly. There is apparel that has not been picked up from the last order. If you have not picked up your order, please do so soon.

CiCi Sweeny discussed the backdrop for shows and selfie photo stations.

Shannon O'Lone read a portion of, long-time member, Jerry Clayton's obituary.

CiCi Sweeny talked about Bee Boot Camp to be held May 18th at the Woodcock Apiary, 20 people have signed up. The Boot Camp is headed by Charlie V., Priscilla H., and John P.

The member spotlight was a presentation on "The Sting" by Mark Anderhalt.

Our own Fred Dunn will be the keynote speaker at the PSBA conference in October.

Members who bring a nucleus hive, ready to accept a Queen, to field day will be entitled to get one free queen. Field day is scheduled for June 15th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Following this meeting, a demonstration will be on setting up nucleus hives for field day.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Sue McDowell. The total was \$425.00 with the winning member getting \$213 and the club taking in \$212.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Shannon O'Lone and seconded by Bill Wozniak. The motion passed unanimously.

New events are coming up.

IHOP Beek breakfast meeting May 15th.

Bee boot camp, May 18th

Field Days, June 15th.

Our next meeting will be October 19th.

Respectfully submitted.

Mark Anderhalt, Secretary.