



# BEE LINES

NOVEMBER 2011

NORTHWEST DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Regularly scheduled meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Meetings are held at 1305 Pine Avenue in Snohomish in the Christ the King Lutheran Church building.



**November Meeting Elections Held.**  
**December Meeting Holiday Potluck.**

*The purpose and function of the Association is the promotion of interest in bees and beekeeping throughout the northwest district of coastal Washington and most particularly, Snohomish County.*

## **Next club meeting Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 7pm.**

Come join us at the November Meeting.

Elections for new club officers will be held.

Please take time between now and November to consider becoming a board

member. Think about how you can help the club be better. Here is a partial list of what we do as a club.

1. Meetings – topics, videos, speakers
2. Club orders – what, where, when, and how much
3. Classes – rooms, food, drinks, setup, books, rosters, payments

4. Picnic – location, food/drinks, auction items
5. Fair – setup/takedown, bees, display, giveaways, shift coverage
6. Woodinville Bee Extravaganza – coordinate with Val.

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Are you interested in contributing content, photos or book reviews to the NWBDA Web site [www.nwdba.org](http://www.nwdba.org)? Help us make this an even better content-rich resource. Contact Dave Grimes at [newsletter@nwdba.fatcow.com](mailto:newsletter@nwdba.fatcow.com) with your ideas!

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7. Newsletter – coordinate articles and publish newsletter
8. Holiday Potluck – setup
9. Area 1A Regional Meeting (every 3<sup>rd</sup> year) – location, speaker, agenda
10. Attend WASBA meetings (three per year) not mandatory but a good idea.



## Minutes from October Meeting

No beginner meeting this month.

Regular meeting called to order at 7PM.

President and Vice President are unable to attend, so Robert Bohling volunteered to conduct a roundtable meeting.

Treasurer John Bryant reports the checking account is at \$2854.66, and the savings account is at 838.95.

Also, the club has a new mailing address: 1429 AVE D #172 Snohomish WA 98290-1742.

Discussion about yellowjackets targeting weaker hives. Some are reporting the 1 gallon size pheromone traps filling in 1 day.

Suggestion was made by Dennis to place a mesh cover over the entrance with a gap for the bees.

Next discussion was about HopGuard and it's effectiveness. Only a few people at the meeting have used this product this year. Quick Strips are also being used by Jim with success.

Items from the newsletter were discussed including the October 18th Regional Meeting in Federal Way and the District meeting at the Skagit Valley Casino Resort.

The club board agreed to purchase a new 8 frame extractor, which is available to members for rent.

Elections will be held in November for all positions. There will be no beginner meetings until January due to work schedule conflicts with David Pearson, who runs these informative sessions.

More discussion about overwintering your hives and treating for various winter issues such as ventilation and how to keep the bees dry in our wet environment. A suggestion about using absorbent materials such as newspaper and replacing them frequently throughout winter.

Move to adjourn meeting was seconded at 8PM.

Find the official Northwest District Beekeepers Association Web site at:

<http://www.nwdba.org/>