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For our October mtg two Washington State University graduate students will be here to discuss current happenings in bee research. We will welcome Judy Wu and Matthew Smart.

September 8, 2009

Northwest District Beekeepers Assoc. Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by president, Scott Jenrich. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasure's report: Checking \$1032.63, Savings \$837.29.

Old Business: The fair and the volunteer experience was discussed and it was decided that, while census was down, interest in beekeeping was up. Many people were interested and many people were interested in having bees on acreage that they owned. The information given out at the booth by volunteers was thought to be adequate for inquiries. Thanks to Jim and Alan for the loan of their hives. They were a big hit, especially with kids.

New Business: It was stated that in November, the election of new officers will take place, and that in December the club will have their usual potluck dinner, families invited. More information to be announced at a later time.

Speaker: The speakers this evening were David and Sonja Austin, speaking and demonstrating how to make creamed honey. The demonstration was informative and seemed easy. Thanks Dave

and Sonja for the information and the good looking product that resulted.

Talk of getting ready for winter ensued and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45. Next meeting on October 13th.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wirt, Recording Secretary

Woodinville Farmers Market.

I attended the market on behalf of the club and spent a very informative day with Valerie (Cherry Creek Farm). Running the booth was not as busy as the booth at the fair but it was steady with much of the same interest in helping Bees. We will have a couple of door prizes at the October mtg, these were donated by another fair vendor Julie of "May Creations". We also added \$7 to our donation box and Val is donating 5% of her sales for that day. Pictures will be posted to the web soon.....

Reminder.

Are you looking to have your own web site ? Use the link on our website to set up a hosting account and the club will receive a commission. Currently only \$66 per year for all your web needs.

In the News.

Propolis Bee Farm - A New Tourist Attraction In Penang



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PENANG, Sept 20 (Bernama) -- A propolis bee farm at the Penang Botanical Garden here not only produce quality honey for medicinal purpose but also drawing attention as a new tourism product, offering insight into bee breeding among visitors.

Established two months ago, the Propolis Bee Farm was set-up not only for commercial purpose but also aimed at boosting the state tourism industry.

Its Business Development Manager Michael Fong said the 8,000 square feet farm is expected to extract approximately 500kg of raw honey monthly.

Speaking to Bernama, he said the bee farm and gallery is open from 9am to 7pm daily and entrance is free.

"While touring our farm, visitors will get an opportunity to know the difference between natural and synthesized honey, the various types of bees and the kind of propolis and honey produced," he said.

Michael said the Botanical Garden is the most suitable location for the farm as there are a lot of native stingless bees there which are needed to collect propolis from the natural botanical plants.

"The beautiful natural scenery and nice weather here provide a good environment for bee breeding and promote propolis production.

"If you come to Botanical Garden, not only that you can enjoy Malaysia's oldest botanical garden, but you will also be charmed by the propolis bee," he said.

Propolis, which is a resinous mixture collected by honey bees from other botanical sources, has been recognised as recipes for natural beauty and natural antibiotic medicine.

Trigona, a tiny stingless bee which is also a native bee in Penang and found nowhere else around the world, plays important role in producing the

propolis

honey.

Apiculture specialist, Ong Kang Peng said unlike other types of honey, propolis production requires the Trigona bees to extract nectar from other botanical sources such as trees, flowers and other plants.

He said propolis' colour varies such as red, white, brown and yellow, depending on the botanical sources.

Ong, who has some 31 years of experience in apiculture, said Malaysia is the only country that breeds Trigona bees as an agent to collect nectar while other countries breeds Italian Honey Bees, which is the bigger-sized bees with sting, to produce propolis.

"Propolis promotes healing and regeneration of tissues. It has antibacterial, anti-inflammatory functions and protect the body from oxygen free radical damage," he said.

"There are some products from propolis which are useful as healing agent and application for home remedies such as honey, soap and balm," he added.

To learn more about this, one should take a journey to the Propolis Bee Farm and explore the secret of the Penang native bees and honey, he said.

-- BERNAMA

Club By Laws.

Our by laws have not been updated in some time. I would like to offer up the following revisions to the current by laws. I will post them again in next months newsletter and if anyone has any suggested changes please send them to me. I will submit the revised by laws to the January meeting for discussion and vote. Hopefully by



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posting in the newsletter in advance we can keep discussion to a minimum.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization, one of non-profit, shall be The Northwest District Beekeepers Association based in Snohomish County, Washington.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE AND FUNCTION

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, by such means as:

- (a) Encouraging good beekeeping management.
- (b) Encouraging legislation to assist and maintain beekeeping in Washington.
- (c) Encouraging the healthy utilization of information throughout the area about bees and beekeeping.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Northwest District Beekeepers Association shall be open to all persons interested in bees and beekeeping --upon payment of annual dues, on the first meeting of each year – amount to be set by the board, at the last meeting of the proceeding year.

(a) New members joining after the August mtg will be pro rated at 50% of the regular dues.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND TENURE

The officers of the association shall be (a) President, (b) Vice President, (c) Secretary, (d) Treasurer, and (e) three members to constitute the Board of Directors. ~~A Publicity Director shall be appointed by the President if necessary.~~

- (a) The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall serve for one (1) year. The Board of Directors shall serve for three (3) years: one being elected each year.
- (b) The President may not succeed him/herself for more than two (2) successive terms. He or she may be re-elected any time after a retirement of one (1) year.
- (c) All Elected Officers shall be members of the Association in good standing.
- (d) The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the three (3) members of the Board of Directors, shall constitute the Executive Board and will hereinafter be referred to as such.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Meetings shall be on the second (2nd) Tuesday of every month except December – unless conflicting with a holiday date. Alternate meetings shall be convened at the discretion of the Executive Board.

- (a) An informal Christmas potluck will be held on the second Tuesday in December.

ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS

The Nomination and Election of Officers:



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- (a) ~~A Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members shall be appointed at the annual, or November meeting. (Robert's Rules of Order specify that the President shall not do the appointing, consequently it will be up to the newly elected Board of Directors). The Nominating Committee shall submit a slate of two (2) nominees for each office at the October meeting.~~ Other Nominations can be submitted to the President up to one month prior to the November meeting additionally nominations may be made from the floor at the election meeting.
- (b) Election shall be at the November meeting ~~(or the last meeting of the year).~~
- (c) ~~A majority of fifty one (51) percent~~ The winner of each election will be the person obtaining the highest number of valid cast votes. ~~of the votes cast are necessary to elect.~~
- (d) A member voting in an election shall have his/her membership dues paid.
- (e) ~~Twenty five (25) percent of the members,~~ Four members of the Executive board and Five regular members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for regular club meetings.
- (f) Five Executive Board members present at all Executive Board meetings shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE: VII: AMENDMENTS

Amendments may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of membership present at any regular meeting or at any interim or any special

meeting called for that specific purpose providing a quorum is present.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETING RULES

The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be used as the authority for transacting the business of this Association.

ARTICLE VIII: ELECTRONIC MEDIA

- (a) The Executive board will be responsible for selecting the "webmaster" at the first meeting held each year.
- (b) NWDBA will retain sole rights to www.nwdba.org
- (c) The Webmaster can submit receipts for reimbursement for web domain name renewal
- (d) The webmaster can submit receipts for web hosting fees or can choose annual family membership in lue of reimbursement.
- (e) Newsletters will only be published electronically and will be emailed to the member email address on record.
- (f) Newsletters will be published no later than the Friday prior to that months meeting.
- (g) Admin and Moderators for the forum will be added or removed at the discretion of the executive board.
- (h) Any significant changes to the content of the web page(s) must first be approved by the Executive board.



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Suggested Form of the Meeting

The following order of business for this Association shall be used by the President, as far as possible:

1. Call to Order – Presidents welcoming message.
2. ~~Roll call of Officers & Board Members.~~
Around the room introductions.
3. ~~Secretary's reading of the Minutes from the last meeting.~~ Approval of minutes published in newsletter.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Correspondences.
6. ~~Committee Reports.~~
7. ~~Appointment of New Committees.~~
8. Old, or unfinished Business.
9. New Business.
10. Adjournment.
11. Introduction of Speaker(s).
12. Demonstrations, Films, Slides, etc.