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# BEE LINES

Regularly scheduled meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at [1305 Pine Avenue in Snohomish](#) in the Christ the King Lutheran Church building.

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## Dates to Remember

July 20 : NWDBA picnic at Flowing Lake State Park.

Note: There will be no Regular July meeting, however a brief meeting may be convened at the picnic to deal with last minute fair issues.

Oct. 16,17,18: The joint WSBA / OSBA Convention at the Vancouver Red Lion.

Nov. ? Regional meeting

## Minutes of the June meeting

June 10, 2008

Treasures report: checking \$1304.30  
Savings \$834.42

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by president, Stan Pallo. The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

## OLD BUSINESS;

1. The July picnic, which was set for July 13th, will be held instead on July 20th and Flowing Lake community park at 1:00 pm. There is a \$5.00 fee for parking. This is a potluck picnic with a silent auction, donations welcome. Stan has written to 8 vendors for donations for

the auction. This is a good time to get to know fellow beekeepers and discuss success' and failures.

2. Evergreen State Fair display will be from August 20th through Labor Day on September 1st. Jim Tunnell, (360-568-7451) is signing people to work the bee tent exhibit. The shifts for this are mornings, 10:00am to 4:00 pm or evenings 4:00 pm to 10:00pm. A pass to park and admission to the fairgrounds will be giving to volunteers for that day. Please contact Jim Tunnell if you want to help.

3. T-shirts with the NWDBA logo on the back and a design containing bees, on the front will be for sale through the club. Rachel, Jim's daughter, will design this and find a vendor to print the t-shirts at the best cost.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jim has queen bees at his shop, the Bee's Knees.  
2. Scott Jenrich, our speaker for the evening, was unable to speak because of having to go the the Midwest to visit his father, who is ill. We are thinking of your circumstances, Scott.

For the good of the order:  
Brendon Cress, our new beekeeper from east of Snohomish, lost his hive and is

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looking for a swarm. His name was given to the "swarm catchers" in our tribe. Hopefully he will get another start this year.

Linzy Johnson reports that he has had troubles with bears in his yard, tipping over his hives and eating honey. The game dept is trying to trap them. Stan reports that the electric fence method his helped in his same circumstances.

Carol and Mike Kalina brought a hive box from beesforeverplastics.com and it was passed around to look at. They have purchased quite a few of these and are happy with them.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wirt, secretary

### **July Beekeeping**

If brood nest crowding does occur, consider adding another brood box.

Only remove combs of honey when they are 2/3 rds. capped (nectar won't shake from the combs). Early morning or evenings are the best times to remove combs to discourage robbing.

Note: Do not use brood combs in the honey supers to prevent contaminating your honey with miticide or antibiotic residues. Identify brood nest combs and boxes (westerns and deeps) with colored paint so that combs are not interchanged.

### **August Beekeeping**

In mid-August remove and store any surplus honey that is at least two thirds capped over in a warm bee-proof, ant-proof place. To do so, take off the honey supers in the morning or in the evening so as to prevent robbing of the hive by other colonies of bees.

Once the honey supers have been removed the colonies may be treated for mites, foulbrood, noseema etc. on an as needed basis following instructions approved by the Dept. of Ag.

### **Annual July picnic**

We will have our picnic on Sunday, July, 13 at the Flowing Lake County Park starting at high noon for setup with dinner by 1:00 to 1:30. The site will be reserved all afternoon to dusk, so bring the kids and lots of sunscreen. This is a potluck so bring a main dish, salad or desert with extra to share. The association will provide a variety of sodas as well as plates and eating utensils. We also feature a silent auction so bring something to the cause.

This is a county park so expect to pay a \$5.00 parking fee.

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