

November, 2008



# 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

[Nov. 11:](#) Regular November meeting.

[Dec. 9:](#) Regular December meeting and annual holiday pot luck dinner.

## Regular meeting minutes

October 14, 2008,  
Northwest District Bee keepers Association

The meeting was called to order by president, Stan Pallo, at 7:00 pm. There were 19 people present, 6 new visitors.

Treasures Report: Checking 1201.98  
Savings 835.26

OLD BUSINESS: No old business to report

NEW BUSINESS; Don Smith, a member of our group is now working part time with Jim Tunnell at the Snohmish apiary supply store.

Val Schick talked on marketing of honey and honey products. She started selling 12 years ago, at farmer's markets. She markets her honey in different sized jars and by weight. Bob and Val alone do the operation and some local physicians encourage use of raw honey, for allergy

reasons, in their patients.

Val says the darker honey is preferred and sells for a higher price. Val states that she would be willing to talk to others who are interested in marketing their honey and wax.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted

Donna Wirt, Secretary

## November beekeeping

Continue to feed bees if necessary. The bees are still flying and bringing in some pollen. They are also using stores and should be monitored carefully. A quick and easy way of doing this is by lifting the rear of the hive. If the hive feels as if it is attached to the ground, you can pretty well be assured that there are enough stores remaining to last the winter.

All appliances, tools, supers etc. should be cleaned, repaired and stored in a dry place for next year. You should protect your darkened combs from wax moth damage. Dark thick ugly combs must be replaced as part of your IPM program.

## December beekeeping

Keep the entrances free of dead bees.

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This is a good time to go to beekeeper meetings and read all of the beekeeper magazines that have been stacking up all year. Repair old equipment, and assemble all the new supers and frames you will need next year. If you need permits for out yards, apply for them now.

### **November meeting agenda**

Call to order and welcome:

Introductions:

Treasurers report:

Old business:

New business:

1. Election of officers.
2. Support for colony health research program (funding).

### Discussion

1. Gathering bee samples for testing (the who why and how of testing bees)
2. Round table discussion on late fall management

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