



BEE LINES

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December 09

DON'T FORGET, We will be having our Christmas Potluck Dec 8th at 7pm. Please bring you favorite dish. We are also going to have a silent auction which was carried over from the summer picnic. If you have anything you would like to donate to the auction please bring it along. It does not have to be Beekeeping related.

Northwest District Beekeepers Assoc.

November 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order by president, Scott Jenrich, at 7:00 p.m. There were introductions all the way around.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

The treasury holds \$837.57 in savings and \$871.88 in checking.

A discussion was held on the way that various beekeepers put their hives to bed in the winter. Ways to keep out the moisture were discussed.

This is election month and Amy Lopit put forth her name to be President next year with Rachel Wessel as Vice President. John Bryant will remain as treasure and Diane Palmer had spoken to be the secretary. With that confirmed, this will be the slate of officers for next year. Board members will be Pete Wolcott, David Pearson and Jim Tunnel. These nominations were voted into being and various subjects for next years roster were discussed.

The meeting was closed at 8:40

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wirt, Secretary.

Addendum: A few days after I had spoken for Diane Palmer for Secretary, I saw her while having breakfast. She states that Shawn, her son, is now in Scouts and she will be busy on Tuesday nights with his program. She suggested that Anna Pearson be the new secretary and when I asked Anna she agreed. The new Secretary for the bee club is now Anna Pearson.

Club Dues.

Annual dues are payable in January. Again there is no increase so dues are the same as last year.

Swarm Call List.

The Swarm Call List will be emptied each year to ensure that all listings are current. A request to be added to the list must be made each year.

Dues for 2010 must be paid in full before a request is added to the list.

NEWS.

[Can honey bees save the state budget?
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Faced with a \$2.6 billion operating budget deficit, Gov. Chris Gregoire [says](#) just about everything is being considered.

On Monday Gregoire was to meet with the Department of Revenue to review the dozens of [tax exemptions](#) the state offers businesses. The list makes for good reading.

Lat year, for example, lawmakers adopted a series of tax breaks for [bee keepers](#). Yes, bee keepers. They get business and occupation levy reductions on things like pollination services. And they get a sales tax break on the sale of bees themselves.

Boeing, the state's largest private employer, enjoys a series of tax breaks aimed at the aerospace industry - from reduced B&O taxes to a sales tax exemption for computer hardware and software.

As of last summer the newspaper industry [got](#) a 40 percent cut in the B&O tax - the state's main business tax.

Almost all of these business tax breaks are scheduled to expire at some point in the future. Gregoire says considering the dire budget situation they should all be re-examined. Eliminating the tax breaks won't get the state close to \$2.6 billion, but every little bit helps.

However actually killing these things would be politically difficult, to say the least. Believe it or not axing the bee tax bonanza would be hard enough. And the bees' sting isn't as sharp as Boeing's.