

October, 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.

Dates to Remember

Oct. 14: Regular October meeting.

October 16,17,18: The joint WSBA/ OSBA Convention at the Vancouver Red Lion. This event features speakers from across the country on all subjects pertaining to bees. This is also a great opportunity to meet other beekeepers from across Washington and Oregon.

For an agenda, and information regarding accommodations and registration, log onto the **WASHINGTON STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION WEB SITE AT: [WASBA.ORG](#)**.

Oct. 22: Regional meeting at the Mt Vernon Royal Fork. Guest speaker will be Eric Olsen. Eric is Washington's largest beekeeper, VP of the Washington State Beekeepers Association, and chairman of the Washington State Beekeepers Advisory Committee. He is a prominent figure in the effort to acquire funding for the nation wide "colony health research project" and has personally contributed a significant amount as seed money toward beginning testing for the presence of **nosema ceranae** in Washington bees. I guarantee that he will keep your attention. Please plan to attend. Also note the change in date from the last newsletter. It will for sure be on Wednesday, October 22nd, beginning at 6:00pm at the

Mt.Vernon Royal Fork Buffet. It will be hosted this year by the Stanwood-Comano Island Association.

Nov. 11: Regular November meeting with the election of officers as the primary agenda item.

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NWDBA Monthly meeting minutes

24 members present

The meeting was called to order by president, Stan Pallo, at 7:00 pm.

The first order of business was a presentation by Tim Bueler, journeyman beekeeper, to Scott Jennrich and Jim Tunnell, who just passed the test becoming master beekeepers.

Our group would sincerely like to congratulate these gentlemen for their studies. Their effort is a help to our entire group.

Treasure's report: checking \$946.82, savings \$835.05. Jim Tunnell states that he has \$220.00 from sales of T-shirts, to return to the treasury, plus \$1.20 in donation, collected at the fair.

Old Business: A discussion of the fair found that we suffered from the lack of a coordinator this year.

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- The volunteer schedule would need to be modified so that there are 2 people there during the day and 3 people on the weekends. It is possible for only one person to be there after 7:00 pm, to close.
- A phone tree would be helpful to remind people when they were to do their volunteer time.
- Carol is willing to repair the bee tents during this winter making them to last a few more years.
- The question of selling honey was discussed but it is believed that this is forbidden by fair policy. We could have an updated brochure, with names of places to buy local honey.
- We could benefit from laminated pictures and a short description of other types of insects that are bothersome.
- The honey sticks may not have helped that much but they were good.

New Business: A reminder that elections are in November. The regional meeting for Northwest beekeepers is in Vancouver, Washington the weekend of October 22nd.

Program: Shelly Eaton talked on pollen and the health benefits of eating it. She stated that a tablespoon of pollen is worth 2 eggs in the amount of protein it offers.

Ron Babcock demonstrated how pollen traps could be made and used in hives.

The meeting was adjourned with everyone being able to taste pollen from Shelly and examine the pollen traps of Ron.

Thank you to our guest speakers.

Respectfully submitted:
Donna Wirt, Secretary

October Beekeeping

Continue to feed bees if necessary. If you did not give fumagilin in September, do so now. Follow the directions and mix the appropriate amount into a gallon of two-to-one sugar/water syrup and feed it to the bees whether they need food or not.

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. You may weigh a hive by reaching down with your calibrated arm and 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 darkend combs from wax moth damage. Dark thick ugly combs must be replaced as part of your IPM program.

October meeting agenda

Call to order and welcome:

Introductions:

Treasurers report:

Old business:

New business:

Program: **Val Schick discusses marketing strategies of hive products.**

Time allowing, a round table discussion on late fall hive management.

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