

July 2015

OLYMPIA BEEKEEPERS



REPORTS, NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

August Program

Dr. Danny Najera
"Inside the Hive"

President's Message

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Thurston County Fair. We'll look forward to Paul Longwell's report on the fair at the next meeting. Thanks, also, to Penny and Paul Longwell for the stellar job on the pollinator garden. For the second year in a row, the garden is an award winner! Thanks, also, to all the folks who volunteered to help at the Gray's Harbor Fair. We'll also look forward to hearing from Mary Haynes at our next meeting about that first time adventure for the club.

We've got a great speaker lined up for program at our next meeting on the 10th, Dr. Danny Najera. He will be talking about communication in the hive, the waggle dance and whatever else he can fit into the hour. The August meeting will be the last meeting at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Olympia.

We'll also be participating for the first time in Olympia's "Sand and the City" on August 22nd and 23rd at the Hands On Children's Museum. If you haven't already signed up and would like to participate at our booth, please contact me at

LMPCarl@gmail.com. This is a fantastic opportunity to interact with a lot of people and provide information about our bees and beekeeping. And to see some cool sand castles.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

Happy beekeeping,

Laurie

Secretary's Report

Olympia Beekeepers Association Meeting July 13, 2015

Call to order at 7:05 p.m.

Old Business

Welcome new beekeepers!

No corrections to June's minutes were offered and they were accepted as written. Treasurer's report: absent

Welcome new members!

Old Business

Thurston County and Olympia Beekeepers launched the "Bee a Pollinator" public awareness campaign at Panorama on June 24th. Panorama Green Team members dedicated the pollinator garden and the Nikki McClure created "Bee a Pollinator" sign. The signs will be available at Gordon's Garden Center in Yelm and at Swantown Inn. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Laurie and Mark met with Pierce County Association president to discuss future collaboration on the "Bee a Pollinator" campaign.

Sue Cobey will be presenting a queen rearing class July 25 from 9a.m. to 2p.m. in Puyallup Cost is \$40 if you register by July 16th. More information is on the Pierce Beekeeping Association web site.

Jacqueline Freeman has a 3 day workshop at her biodynamic farm in Clark County scheduled for August 21, 22 and 23. More information on her website at spiritbee.com

Part XI is SB 6057 recently passed the Senate. Part XI is, basically, our SB 5017 which makes beekeepers agriculturists. We will have more information on what the body of that bill actually means for beekeepers in future meetings.

New Business

Nathan Allen has the new website well under construction. Ernie will be writing "The Warre Corne" as a regular feature on the website. Nathan needs more

articles or a column on Top Bar Hives, if you're interested!

Paul Longwell is looking for people to sign up for the Thurston County Fair. He's been busy spiffing up the booth. Dates to sign up are July 29 to August 2.

The OBA has also been invited to participate with a booth at the annual "Sand in the City" event at the Hands on Children's Museum on August 22 and 23rd. Duane, Mechele and Laurie did a program at the Children's Museum Kid's Camp on July 2nd which was lots of fun and well- received by museum staff and museum guests.

Mary Haynes asked for volunteers for the Grays Harbor County Fair from August 5th to August 9th. Paul Longwell offered to build and give away a hive to one person who shows up and works both fairs! So if you work both fairs, you have a chance to win this super prize!

Chair reports

Bob Smith has certifications for people from last meeting, please see him if you didn't get yours yet.

Duane We have 250 members. Three members are paid up for next year!

Jim Rieck is our mentor chair. Please see Jim if you need a mentor or would like to help out and be a mentor.

Bert Lewis our club apiary chair reported that members are welcome to attend the next apiary session at 1:00 at the Kiwanis Garden apiary; plan is to add a second super to the hives.

Roy Manicke reported on the airport bees. They are active and looking good. May swap out supers this month.

Mark Emrich reported briefly on SB 6057. The bill mostly affects professional beekeepers through The State of Washington Department of revenue. The bill was hung up in committee. It included a pilot program to purchase seeds and staff time to get seed to noxious weed board. The noxious weed board would use the seed to replace divots when removing noxious weeds.

The Washington State Beekeepers Association is in receipt of information regarding the Washington State Department of Transportation and the changes they are making to deal with roadside vegetation to increase forage for pollinators. Ideally they will let forage bloom before they mow. They will mow before they spray and will be adding bee forage plants.

There is a Washington State Bee Keepers General meeting Saturday July 18th. The education committee will meet from 12 until they are finished. The organization desperately needs someone to take over the President's position since Mark is stepping down in the fall. Other members of the board will stay on another year. Mark thanked the membership for their support and help during his tenure.

Break

Membership voted for Bee keeper of the year and the Mark Savage award for the year. Nominated for the Beekeeper of the Year Award were: Roy Manicke and Laurie Pyne

Nominated for the Mark Savage Award were: Gail Booth, Mark Emrich, Jack Robertson and Bob Smith.

Program

Dr. Dewey M. Caron presented on Pacific Northwest Data colony loss data and varroa.

Invitation: To All who attend the OBA meetings:

Please consider presenting a short (about 5 minute) show-and-tell topic at an OBA meeting. For example, you may:

- * review a piece of beekeeping equipment you either constructed or purchased
- * recommend a book or video from the club library, or elsewhere
- * describe a new twist on an old process for doing something related to bees
- * show something you, or someone else, made from a hive product (wax, honey, propolis, royal jelly)
- * introduce us to an educational web-resource related to beekeeping
- * talk about something else bee-related that our members would find interesting--Bee Creative! Share your Knowledge, Help make our meetings interesting and useful.

Please contact David to get on the agenda (Davidbruun98@hotmail.com)

Reminder:

Plants, books, seeds, and other artifacts are always appreciated for the meeting raffle.

And, if you have a tasty snack to share, everyone enjoys something sweet.

January: Jason Long, WSU, speaking on cold winter storage.

August: "Inside the Hive" Dr.Najera

February: Megan Taylor, WSU speaking on Old World Bee Geneteics

September: Time to renew membership.

March: Tim Lawrence, WSU

October: TBA

April: Package Introduction

November: TBA

May: Preventing Swarms and Splits

December: Christmas Party

June: Pests and Treatments

July: Dr. Caron

Monthly Meetings: held the second Monday of each month.

Place: Chinook Middle School, 4301 6th Ave NE, Lacey, WA

Time: 6:00 pm for Beginning Beekeeper's Certification Program, 7:00 pm for the association meeting. Meetings are held in the Cafeteria. Beekeeping class meets in the central hall Science Room.

Agenda: Each meeting is conducted with old and new business, and a program related to beekeeping. Attendees, if they choose, donate a gift for the raffle table. The Treasurer and Membership Chair sell tickets for \$1.00 and at the break there is are refreshments available.