



# THE BEELINE

Olympia Beekeeper's Association Newsletter

May 2011

Next Meeting: Roosevelt Elementary School 1417 San Francisco Ave. NE

Monday May 9, 2011

Beginning Beekeeping Class at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting follows at 7:00p.m.

**President's Notes** – Dear fellow members, I feel my first letter to you should be one of thanks. First, thank you for your faith in me for electing me as your president. I will try to help the club meet more of the needs of the club with your help. We as a club can only move forward as an organization. The input of the membership is the only way this all will work. Please feel free to e-mail me, or for more pressing questions phone me. I am here for all the membership. I answer to you.

Second, I would like to thank the members that are stepping down from the board this year. **Gail Booth**, she has been our treasurer for years. She has also run the membership as well. This was not an easy set of jobs to do. She has always done it well, and with a passion that is hard to find in a person in a volunteer position. **Marjorie Smith**, our secretary for years. She has seldom if ever missed a meeting for the years she has been in the office. Taking minutes, handling correspondence, and getting minutes to the editor of the Bee Line for publishing. **Si Thacker**, our president for the past year. We spent many hours on the phone with each other, trying to work out how to solve problems in the organization. Good job pres.

Now, to the unsung heroes of the organization. Thanks to **Kim Knust**, editor of the BeeLine. Many hours go into the publishing of our “news letter”, and Kim has done this well for several years. **Sue Dolvin**, our librarian, and equipment manager. A job that one may think is easy, but it is far from it. Tracking the large amount of equipment that the club now owns is anything but a cake walk. **Kathy Miles**, for handling refreshments for us for many years. She comes in early to set up, and stays after each meeting to clean up. Thank you so very much for all your hard work. Last, **Bob Smith**, the education dept! His hours of teaching have made beekeeping, not only understandable, but enjoyable. We are very blessed to a lot of people that give of their time so unselfishly. Thank you all!

We will continue to have some “growing pains” this year, as we have had in the past. I will try to keep this to the most tolerable level as I can. In the past 3 years, we have gone from about 45 members to over 120 at this date. We are outgrowing our meeting hall, and have already outgrown our classroom space at Roosevelt. I ask that we try to have some patience with the process, and take a moment to think before we speak or act. We will be bringing in more outside speakers in the coming year, and hope that the membership will give us (as a board) names of people that you would like to hear from, or topics you would like know more about. Let's have a great year.

Thank you all

Mark Emrich



## Community Opportunities –

Hands-on Beekeeping Demonstrations, Home Brewing, Electric Car Assembly and More at the MOTHER EARTH NEWS FAIR! **Puyallup**

[http://motherearthnewsmail.com/form/motherearth/viewhtml/9z1zcyjtetusgk979rp6l2vqsj150ic09hvq8sk2ul8g?utm\\_content=FAIR\\_BEEs&utm\\_campaign=FAIR&utm\\_source=iPost&utm\\_medium=email](http://motherearthnewsmail.com/form/motherearth/viewhtml/9z1zcyjtetusgk979rp6l2vqsj150ic09hvq8sk2ul8g?utm_content=FAIR_BEEs&utm_campaign=FAIR&utm_source=iPost&utm_medium=email)

**Beekeeping Calendar for May** – ‘If you need more drawn comb, give the bees full sheets of foundation to draw out. Add no more than two or three frames of foundation at a time to the center of the upper hive body. Never divide the brood nest with foundation, alternate foundation between combs of brood. Queens should now be laying at full capacity. Honey yields will be greater if swarming is controlled by removing swarm cells that contain eggs or larvae on the bottom or any edges of the comb.’ Courtesy of neighbors in the Northwest District Beekeeper’s Association in Snohomish.

**News, Trivia, and Facts** – follow the links to read!

- Hive Inventories and recordkeeping – here’s a few online/smartphone links. Try <http://www.mybeehives.com/> and/or <http://www.beetight.com/>
- On one of our recent sunny days, I was tasked to wash cars. Lucky me! After finishing, ‘the boss’ came out to drive away in her nicely cleaned yellow VW beetle. She noticed some ½ inch long yellowish slender drippings on her windshield. I had to re-clean her windows after I told her it was bee-pee.
- You know you’re a beekeeper when - <http://outdoorplace.org/beekeeping/youknow.htm>

## Predictions for May 2011 – From the Farmer’s Almanac

**8th-11th.** Fair skies.

**12th-15th.** Local showers for Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

**16th-19th.** Fair initially for the Pacific Coast, then becoming very unsettled.

**20th-23rd.** Skies slowly clear.

**24th-27th.** Mixed clouds and sun.

**28th-31st.** Mostly pleasant.



## Minutes from March 2011 Meeting -

OBA Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2011

The April Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm in the cafeteria of Roosevelt Elementary School by President Si Thacker. 99 people were present! The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter. There was a discussion in regards to honeybee package orders.

### Treasurer Report – Gail Booth

Checking Acct balance	\$17,591.61*
Savings	1,409.83
Cash on Hand	20.00

\*reflects payment of a number of package orders that are forthcoming.

### Other Reports

1. Apprentice Class – There were 40 people present with three instructors. Lesson 3 was processed. Certificates were handed out to those who had completed the program. Bob Smith stated that every Friday evening he instructs a class at McKenna Community Church.
2. Journeyman Class: Bob Smith reported that there are approximately six students attending and lesson 4 was done.
3. Librarian – Susan Dolvan  
New books were available to check out. Susan has received a donation of another extractor and has “lots of stuff” to check out. More children type books are due for purchase.
4. Mentor Program – Rich Kalman.  
A new set of people are looking for help so let Rich know if you are one and he will match you up with someone close to your locality.

### Old Business:

1. Hive assembly workshop – Because of the time of year and low interest, this workshop opportunity was canceled. It may be addressed in the fall.
2. Bee package orders and payment – there was much discussion. Finally a motion was made and seconded to sell these bee package orders to OBA members only. Carried. The bee package orders are to be picked up at the home of Dave Ragsdale on April 23 (Sat). The earlier the better. Those who volunteered to help with the off-loading are: Gail Booth, Rich Kalman, Kelly. Directions to Dave’s will be sent out via a Newsletter bulletin.

### New Business:

- 1, Election of Officers:  
President – Mark Emrich  
V/President – Roger McMaster  
Treasurer – Andrea Broyles  
Secretary – Yvonne Dettlaff  
Librarian – Susan Dolvan

A motion was made to elect the above officers for the upcoming year. Seconded and carried.

2. Static Display for Green Day on April 20.

An interview will take place featuring Bob Smith and Mark Emrich on a “Radio-Computer” set-up as they respond to questions about honey bees. They will be representing the Pacific N.W. and the program will be archived – RE: Involvingideas.com

3. Swarm List: Anyone interested on being included is asked to see Duan McBride to get signed up. This list will be posted on our website.
4. New Meeting location:  
V/Pres mark Emrich is looking for a larger facility with kitchen facilities and an extra room or two. Any suggestions can be referred to him.
5. Raffle took place
6. Program: Jack Robertson demonstrated his method of installing package bees into a hive body.
7. The meeting adjourned at 9p.m.

Submitted by: A. Marjorie Smith, Secretary

## OBA Meeting Agenda, May 9, 2011

Call to Order – Mark Emrich

Minutes – as printed in Newsletter

Treasurer Report – Gail and Andre’a

Other Reports:

1. Apprentice Class – Bob Smith
2. Journeyman Class – Bob Smith
3. Librarian – Susan Dolvan
4. Mentor Program – Rich Kalman
5. Website
6. Package Orders and Receipt
7. Telephone – computer Interview –
8. Swarm List
9. New Location for future meetings

Old Business

New Business

1. Thurston County Fair

### For Sale!

Hive top feeders - \$20.00,  
Cedar bottom boards - \$10.00  
Migratory cedar tops - \$10.00  
Supers - 10 frame, wired and waxed with pure  
beeswax foundation  
Deeps - \$38.00,  
Westerns - \$35.00 and Shallows - \$30.00  
All equipment new, painted and assembled.  
Thanks, Jack Robertson (360) 352-9512

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