

# North Okanagan Bee Keepers

## May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### Minutes

#### 1. Welcome 7:04 p.m.

Keith welcomed all to our meeting

-approx. 39 people were present, with a couple of new people joining us, meeting now in the main cafeteria room

- reminder about 50/50 tickets and name tags

-Keith passed around the email address clipboard and Doug encouraged name tags for all

#### 2. Business:

a. Adopt Minutes – April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting,

Smiley motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris B., carried

b. Membership Fees: BCHPA or \$20 to local club

-BCHPA will rebate our local club \$10 if you registered before Jan 31<sup>st</sup>

-BCHPA also includes publication: Bee Scene

c. Disease book for sale – every beekeeper should have one! \$15.00

-talk to Keith or Carol

d. Darlene Brule with Nature's Wild Neighbours Society youth presentation still working on it

e. AFB / EFB Disease Survey- reminder

-any suspicious activity: ship off to provincial lab for free

-check provincial website for info

-research going on to record various strains into a Canadian database

f. Day of the Honey Bee – Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, Bob Chisolm got space that

day at Kelowna Farmer's Market –Stephanie will organize helpers, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

g. Facebook Page:

-go to Facebook and search **North Okanagan Beekeepers** and ask to join

-80+ members so far, a place to ask questions or ask advice

h. June meeting? Come join club members as we set up the club/Okanagan College

Apiary, nucs coming on Wed, May 22<sup>nd</sup> Carol and Mark are helping

i. Sharon McKenna, visit from Kelowna Bee By-law:

-sparked discussion on whether to proceed with changing, taking the charge on presenting change to the Bee By-law to City Council and City Staff.

-Motion by Keith: to use club funds up to \$800 to spur on by-law change

-2<sup>nd</sup> by James

-lively discussion ensued by many members on merits both for and against motion

-motion defeated

- j. new motion by Keith: motion put forward to form a standing committee to look into possible changes and procedures involved, and pursuing avenue of becoming a Bee-Friendly City first, then applying pressure to change by-law once this designation is entrenched into City records, committee could be: Vic M., Heather, Smiley N., Norm (250-548-4175 in Oyama), Keith R., Bob Chisolm, Sharon McKenna

-motion carried

f. Regional Report: Rick Plantinga

-lots going on:

-beehives on school's roof, legal implications

-insurance issues – still working on it, liability, legal issues

-looking at Round Up: USDA says no health issues, but WHO says differently,

-Beaverlodge- working on apple blossom research

-BCHPA does training – webinars, etc.

-importance of being a 'Branch' of BCHPA, our club is a branch,

-check out latest magazine on honey fraud

- i. IPE fair: new honey brand display Aug 28<sup>th</sup> to Sept 1<sup>st</sup>

-supply Keith with honey, local honey to be displayed

- j. New Business/Information:

-Bee operations for sale: Brainy Bee: Bob and Kay, Arlo's Honey: Helen

Kennedy, and Bills Honey Farm: Bill Ruzicka

-Vic brought in bee escape board and top feeder for your interest, thanks Vic!

-Provincial Honey Data Base samples at BC Beekeepers.com

-provide a sample of your local honey so BC can further investigate and reduce fraudulent and altered honey from overseas

3. College Update:

-still working on trying to get a storage shed for upcoming Okanagan

College's own apiary

-have 8 nucs lined up, need plastic foundation

-still need bottom boards, inner covers, hive covers, super pallets, super bee escapes, looking pretty good however

-be on look out for a suitable storage container which is somewhat rodent proof

4. Guest Speaker: Stephanie Tayler, Okanagan BC Bee Inspector

-Stephanie did a presentation of her time in New Zealand and a brief history of her journey in bee keeping

- Stephanie took us on her journey in New Zealand discussing items:
  - Manuka honey, Kanuka Honey, difficult to extract, different flavour
  - swarming types, triggers, natural process
  - how to raise queen before they swarm, do regular checks,
  - discussed swarm prevention, swarm control, and swarm catching
  - discussed queens, laying, mating, etc.
  - thank you Stephanie for sharing with us!

**Keith** also discussed swarms and methods, including the "Snelgrove" method

**Rick** also discussed the "Demaree" method of prevention

**Vic** also included importance of "Observe! Observe! Observe!"

7. 50/50 draw – ticket: \$63.00 to ticket #743
  - also, new hive tool won by ticket #756
8. Next Meeting: **Sat. May 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> starting hiving nucs at new OC Apiary** on Spiers Rd:
  - from KLO Road, turn right just after Mission Creek bridge
  - your first left onto field about 300 ft

-after summer break: meet **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7 p.m.**

-1000 KLO Road, Kelowna

-see map, we will be in building F

-easiest parking will in lots 6 & 3 (*see map*)-it is free parking

link to map:

[https://www.okanagan.bc.ca/Assets/Departments+\(Administration\)/Registrar\\$!27s+Office/Become+a+student/Kelowna+Campus+Map+2017.pdf](https://www.okanagan.bc.ca/Assets/Departments+(Administration)/Registrar$!27s+Office/Become+a+student/Kelowna+Campus+Map+2017.pdf)

9. Adjourned approx. 9:00 p.m.
  - motion: Chris, 2<sup>nd</sup> Doug, carried