



Bee Industry Council of Western Australia

MINUTES

General meeting held at Capilano, 99 Beechboro Rd, Bayswater

12.00pm Monday 22nd January 2018

In attendance:

Present: Colin Fleay – Chairman
Tiffane Bates
Leilani Leyland – Secretary
Michael Bellman
Geoff Defrenne
Matt Welch
Wayne Ridley

Member Body represented

APC Beekeepers Committee
APC Beekeepers Committee Alternate
WA Farmers Beekeepers
WA Farmers Beekeepers Alternate
WA Apiarist Society
WA Beekeepers Assoc Alternate
WA Beekeepers Assoc

Visitors: DPIRD James Sheehan BBO / 2pm Jason Millar Chain of Responsibility - Corcom. / Ken Dods, Chemcentre
Apologies: DPIRD Andrea Johnston

Meeting opened 12.15pm

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting: 27th November 2017** Moved by Michael Bellman second Geoff Defrenne

2. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES MEETING Monday 27th November 2017**

ITEM	ACTION	WHO	COMPLETED
2.1 Antibiotic use in beehives	James to ask who would be the person	James S to follow up	
2.2 National Biosecurity Roundtable Report	Provide report for next meeting	GD	
2.3 2018 Conference	LL/TB	Quotes for Venues	Swan Valley Oasis chosen

Leilani advised committee including Laura and Julie formed meeting once per month, Venue is Swan Valley Oasis. Dates Friday 25th and Saturday 26th May 2018. Discussion on speakers.

Have a Pollination section a beekeeper and a grower (Colin to do grower). Neil Delroy and Rod Pavy Ken West, Rob Shea panel. Is there a student that can she be on the panel as well. Tiffane to ask Liz.

Discussion on sensors and weighing systems. Mat said Clayton uses LL Myles Happ also.

Action: Pollination Panel: Colin to contact grower. Leilani to contact Neil Delroy etc. Tiffane to contact Liz re student. Mat to ask Clayton if interested in speaking on remote sensors.

2.4 Native Title letter requesting stakeholder Invitation for future.	Letter sent	LL	Emailed 28/11
3.1 Emailed Universities asking for insight into Any future bee projects	Letter sent	LL	Emailed Murdoch, ECU, Curtin 30/11/17
WA-CA Bee Research Committee	Advise Boris participants	LL	28/11 Emailed Boris TB and MW attendees

WA-CA Bee Research. Going well Tiffane and Mat have spoken with Boris. De'bee is the company that would like to invest into industry. Discussion on it needs to be able to transfer into industry to be used straight away. Boris has got lots of ideas. Talk of an annual travel award for beekeepers to travel and to honour in memorium of Stephen Davies. **Tiffane to talk to John Davies about it.** Once monies available established will find out what can be used (around \$50k it is thought)

Action: Tiffane to talk to John Davies about annual travel award

ITEM	ACTION	WHO	COMPLETED
APC Funding Request redo to include budget	Emailed Tarsh 30/11/17	LL	APC meeting 9/2/18
3.3 Honey Marketing Board	Emailed Trevor Weatherhead 28/11	LL	No, no longer exists. Packers don't favour idea.
3.4 General Conditions, beekeeping on public land	Review conditions and submit to DBCA	ALL	
Competition Policy	Review conditions for assessment once received	ALL/DBCA	
Drone notice for permit use	Notice to be placed in Bee Informed	TB/MK DBCA	TB not done, will sort for next issue
Stakeholders	Point of contact from DFES to advise	CS DBCA	
3.5 Importation of semen enquiry		SB DPIRD	Email rec'd 28/11 confirming no permits issued

Action: Email Sonya Broughton to ask for the National stance on importation of semen

Email to Rob Manning about his point of view on importation of semen same as email to Boris BICWA stance on semen importation.

Seek views from the Wheen Foundation bee breeding group that Ron Clark is on.

Scientific opinions etc show that we have found this information and formulate our stance.

4 CORRESPONDENCE			Missed Closing Date
Tuart Woodland consultation paper	LL Draft content and forward to MB	LL/MB	
GENERAL BUSINESS 5.3 Cert III Training progress	Send letter of support and assistance to David Currey	LL	Emailed DC 28/11/17 offering assistance
Send letter for update and current position to Yanchep Joint venture	Offer assistance	LL	Emailed YJV 28/11/17
5.4 ABC Great Southern	spoke to Young Harvest 18/12	LL	Emailed committee with info. 18/12

3 REPORTS

3.1 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Invoice from Agrifutures has been paid. Letter for the remote knockdown pesticide use. Matt and Tiff have made changes and sent for review.

3.2 Treasurers Report

Current Balance \$ 2307.85 \$1201.00 Annual Fee to be paid.

Enquiry from Kerry Fewster re updating of constitution. GD - BICWA not an association they are under the corporations act therefore not required to be updated.

3.3 WA Honey Promotions Committee (previously Jarrah Honey Promotions Committee)--

No meeting been held as waiting for the restructure of research committee following the passing of Stephen Davies. Discussion on structure of BICWA and the DPIRD Grant funds channelling through the BICWA accounts. BICWA would need to register for GST if we choose to have Chemcentre invoice us and then we forward the funds.

3.4 DBCA Report N/A

3.5 DPIRD James present for all meeting, discussed items as came to hand.

3.6 Conference Committee Update presented in Business Arising

3.7 Training – David Currey Absent.

Correspondence	IN / OUT	ACTION	20 mins
28/11/17	Email Boris Baer re. CA-WA Bee Research committee members Advised Tiffane Bates and Mat Welch	Boris replied will get in touch with them.	
	Andrea Johnson DPIRD no current or pending permit requests for Bee Semen importation	FYI	
	Email to David Currey re. Training position and offer assistance if required.	Sent. Email reply received all on track	
	Andrea Johnson DPIRD advice that Small Hive Beetle traps are NOT required to be on all hives in Kimberley per regs.	Andrea will advise DBCA	
	AHBIC query re. Honey Marketing Board existence	No longer in Existence.	
30/11/17	Enquiry re. current and future projects at Murdoch, ECU and Curtin Unis to advise BICWA of progress etc	Sent. Curtin happy to be involved. Murdoch no projects. ECU	
	APC request for funding assistance Bee conference	Emailed Tarsh	
28/11/17	Email to David Currey re. Training position and offer assistance if required.	Sent. Email reply received all on track	
	Yanchep Beach Joint Venture letter of assistance		
12/12/17	Strategic Plan sent to Ministers	Sent Email 12/12	
	Leadership course invitation sent M Welch, T Campbell, B Fleay, M Rhodes. M Welch chosen and advised. AHBIC now advise NSW has no nomination and LL asked if WA could nominate two Congratulations to Mat Welch and Ben Fleay. Flight costs are at own expense. Leilani will present at next WAFarmers meeting to confirm that funds can be released from the Honey Promotions account held at WAFarmers.	Emailed Await NSW advice Mat & Ben to complete course.	
13/12/17	Death notification of Stephen Davies	Emailed all	
15/12/17	MB Email to FPC re. Karri Forest Management Plan Field Tour.	Reply from Peter Beatty to contact re. outline updates of plan in NY.	
18/12/17	Beekeeping course enquiry	Ref to WAAS site.	
	Young Harvest prospective beekeepers	Emailed reply to all	
	Various email re. proposed semen import from NZ by Ron Clark	Emails rec'd	
19/12/17	Request for signing Project 3 CRC Honeybee Products	LL signed and returned	
	Newsletter CRCHBP Open day 19 th January	FYI	
	Email from Mat Welch re. Jarrah testing labs	Emailed yes still through Novost via Chemcentre. Expensive	
20/12/17	CF letter from DPIRD re. proposed Horticulture liasons and involvement	FYI and comment	
	Swan Valley Oasis conference package	FYI	
	DBCA re. apiary site fees	FYI (emailed 9/1/18)	
	FFTI Developing Student interest in Agriculture PP	Fwd to CF MW MB	
21/12/17	Phone call Minister Ag office re. Strategic Plan and out of date	Review at next meeting	
22/12/17	MB Advice of Meeting with Minister MacTiernan 29/01/18	FYI	
28/12/17	Owen Jurien DBCA request meeting to discuss planned burns	Replied. Meeting scheduled for Feb 16th	
30/12/17	Gumtree advert for Manuka Honey	Fwd to Andrea	
05/01/18	Liz CRC Honey Bee Breeding letters cc to gov't	ALL	
	FPC – Timber Harvest Plans	ALL	

	CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT (CONT'D)	
08/01/18	MB Capilano Transport guides and plans prior to next meeting read	FYI ALL
	Email to Ken Dods and Liz Barbour re. proposed dinner at close of WA Beekeeping conference	FYI
10/01/18	FFTI - Traineeship sent to Minister for approval	FYI
	Email from Kerry Fewster website/biosecurity/	LL replied FYI
11/01/18	John Karansinski Bee Report	FYI
	Agrifutures chasing payment	LL Fwd to Colin & Tarsh
12/01/18	Project 4 signature required	LL fwd to Colin
	Assistance letter to Shara Davies and to John and Betty Davies	LL emailed
15/01/18	Support letter to Barbara Baer for Green Card for Boris	LL emailed 15/01
18/01/18	Thank from Davies family for our offer of support	FYI
	Young Harvest EO Janelle Price 9842 9399 0437051315	

Guest attending: Jason Millar Transport Compliance Specialist CORCOM. 2pm.

Chain of Responsibility. Doesn't include fatigue or speed. It is to make everyone along the chain responsible. Meet deadlines was the issue it was established.

Makes everyone along the chain responsible for others beneath them. Insurers, auditors everyone. Puts policies and procedures in place. Fatigue management falls under the OHS act. All vehicles over 4.5tonne.

Worksafe code of practice has a fatigue management policy requiring an annual medical online fatigue training. Alan Green at Worksafe is the contact. Log book needs to be maintained with leaving time and arrival time. Mainroads and Worksafe websites have example sheets.

Industry standard required. **Emergency Standard Response Plan.** Need to have proof that some load training has been undertaken. Up to date log book, fatigue management training. Could cause problems with insurance company if you are not following this.

CORCOM charges \$1250 for system \$605 for audit once per year.

Asked Jason to do up a notice to put into the Bee Informed as an insert, information for industry.

There is a Logbook checker app where you can keep log book up to date. \$50k fine for a Pty Ltd Company non conforming.

Left: 2.45pm.

Guest Attending: Ken Dods – WAHRDG 2.45pm

Distributor Group has now started up in addition to the Research Committee.

Scheduled evening event for March 2018. First Project has gone through external audit. Resulted in NATA certification.

Completed analysis of first Jarrah season. First draft of industry standard is 90% complete. Field work completed. 50 Jarrah honey samples collected by Rob Manning. All tests are now available commercially from Chemcentre.

Meeting has not yet been held due to discussions required with regards to the replacement of Stephen Davies as Chairperson. Letter from Davies Corp received advising Ed Planken to replace Stephen in all industry held positions. Colin Fleay agreed to be an interim Chair until a more permanent Chair can be elected.

CRC Projects some are doubling up with the research group projects. BICWA is a signatory on these projects need to be aware of it is what we want and Ken holding off with signing until BICWA signs.

Projects need to be Industry Driven that have been signed off by BICWA.

Project 1 – Honey Bee Hive Sites – Bryan Boruf

Project 2 – Unique characteristics of different honeys (ext of Agrifutures project) – Kate Hammer

Project 3 – Bee Health – Julia Grassl

Project 4 – Honey Marketing

Changes happening at DPIRD with government shifting. Be mindful of this when dealing with Government bodies. Chamber of commerce meeting looking at a Partnership/Commercial relationship with Ali Baba. Would like to interact and BICWA to become a certified industry group, position us well for funding and international events.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 5.1 Honey Culture Test.** Request from Chris Brown, Packaged Bee Exporter to remove requirement for Honey Culture Test – taking too long and should only need to be a visual inspection. James Sheehan advised that the only way to sign off on the HCT is if it is proper test cannot do so on a visual inspection only. So answer is no. James will ask the question if the test can be done as an emergency test. Also if there is any other test done overseas that could be done that is more efficient eg. PCR test

Action: James to get back to committee on if the HCT can be done as an emergency test. Also is there any other test that could be more efficient eg. PCR test JS

5.2 Strategic Plan

WISH LIST	CURRENT	Action
Industry Profile Voice/ Admin support	Voluntary No funding direct to BICWA	Industry/ Gov : 50/50 split Work out Job/ person description Present to parliament
Value of Industry	Sort of!!	John Karansinski report Public Good Pollination – Avo's/Food Security
Value of Resource	DBAC – controlled Not valued as an asset	Greater with more access to lands Rob Manning/ Eddy reports Value/ versus short term growth Jobs in regional centres
Research and Training	Yes – Chem Centre/ CRC	Cert III Traineeship Subsidies CRC Outcomes for industry BICWA to own IP Overseas investment
Biosecurity	Needs to be stronger Point of difference	Fulltime role for BBO Product Integrity Identity Preservation QA
WA Honey Marketing	Mainly by packers	Selling Overseas Overseas students training Trade shows WA point of diff
Transport Plan	Nothing in place – up to individual BK	Emergency response plan for trucks/pest incursion

- 5.3 Emergency Response Team for Industry Action Plan** Implement this as part of the Industry Standard Plan. BICWA to create a list of beekeepers that would be called upon in the event of a traffic accident. Also in the event of an incursion.

Action: Implement an Emergency Standard Response Plan for Bee Industry
Refer docs sent through as a guide from Michael

ALL

- 5.4 Better Bees Breeding Application** - Has been submitted by Liz Barbour.

- 5.5 Nomination to BICWA Committee** All groups to fill in a nomination form for the BICWA committee to represent their groups

Action: LL to do up a nomination form and send to each group to pass to their members.

5.6 Native title claims on existing apiary sites. DBCA say no new permits to be issued on those that are due for renewal held within native title. Under the law they are unable to renew the sites that have been designated as Native Title. DBCA are saying Industry needs to negotiate with groups on their own. Josh Welch has been in discussions and suggest that DBCA negotiates on Industry behalf. Attorney General caused for submissions to change Native Title act Nov 2017, This closes end February 2018. BICWA needs to lodge a submission on behalf of industry. Section 24LA. Low impact activities ie. Beekeeping used to apply but this is no longer in effect.

Action: MW will draft up for BICWA to submit a submission. Native title act call for submission 2017

5.7 DBCA attitude to vested lands. Wayne Ridley discussed that there is no consistency with approvals between local governments. Need a framework for managing permits. Approach DBCA to setup guidelines to WALGA. Ask Mat King DBCA for something to present to Local councils.

Action: WR to write to Mat King at DBCA asking for the guidelines for local governments re. apiary permit management.

Next Meeting Monday 19th February 2018

James to find out if DPIRD room available as Capilano is booked.

Proposed next Monday 19th March 2018

Monday 16th April 2018

Monday 21st May 2018

Meeting Closed at 5.15pm

Colin FLEAY

Chairman

19th February 2018

ACTIONS from Meeting 22nd January 2018

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Business Arising 2.1	National Biosecurity Roundtable Report	GD	Provide Report for next meeting	
2.3	Action: Pollination Panel: Colin to contact grower. Leilani to contact Neil Delroy etc. Tiffane to contact Liz re student. Mat to ask Clayton if interested in speaking on remote sensors.	CF LL TB MW	Contact Grower for Pollination Panel Contact Delroy's for PP Contact Liz Barbour for student PP Contact Clayton for PP	
3.1	APC request for funding		Meeting 9/2/18 outcome?	
3.4	General Conditions, beekeeping on public land	ALL	Review conditions and submit to DBCA	
3.4	Competition Policy	ALL/DBCA	Review conditions for assessment once received	
3.4	Drone notice for permit use	TB/MK DBCA	Notice to be placed in Bee Informed	
	Stakeholders	CS DBCA	Point of contact from DFES to advise	
3.5	Importation of semen enquiry	SB DPIRD	Current status of WA and National on semen importation	
General Business 5.1	Honey Culture Test	JS	James to get back to committee on if the HCT can be done as an emergency test. Also is there any other test that could be more efficient eg. PCR test	
5.2	Strategic Plan	ALL		
5.3	Emergency Response Plan	ALL	Draft sent to committee for review 23/1	
5.5	Nominations to BICWA committee	ALL	LL sent nomination forms to each group for fwd to members	
5.6	Native Title	MW	Mat to draft submission for Native Title proposal	
5.7	DBCA and vested lands	WR	Wayne to draft letter after consultation with Mat King DBCA re. permits and approvals on council lands	

2018 Annual Bee Industry Conference Ideas

Ben Oldroyd

CONFIRMED Need to choose subjects.

DPIRD: BBO/Andrea to do a presentation about the "western Australian sentinel hive s
surveillance plan and the current biosecurity measures in place to protect our industry"
- Penalties for Honey and Hive Theft

Varroa and how to treat it. Boris?

POSSIBLY IN CHINA

Demo on testing for hygienics against AFB.

Soren Houlberg: China Academy what does China want from Honey.

WA Exporting to the World.

Security cameras for Beehives

MYLES HAPP CONFIRMED

GIS attached to hives

Computer software for beekeeping. (Gino P)

Liz – CRC

No boring research talks, ensure they are aware it needs to be interactive.

Practical demonstrations of miticides,

Doug Sommerville Pests and Diseases of Honey Bees also do a Agrifutures presentation.

Matt Welch - From hobbyist to Commercial. Pathways to Commercial.

Dave Richards The pitfalls in NZ beekeeping today “or “ Where we’ve gone wrong “ but more importantly “ How could we have done it better “ at the conference Idea being we can learn from their mistakes

Allan Richards expressed interest in being involved again. LL sent email 27/11

Tiffane: Work injury specialist and exercise trainer and he would be happy to speak at the conference. His name is Tony Brideson of Levity Health.

TB advised he is confirmed.

Research Updates - Ken Dods, Liz Barbour 15 mins each

University of NSW – Robotics Mat Welch

GPS Tracker for security (Grant ?) Colin Fleay

Rod Pavy Talk on Bee rescue off Hopetoun.

CONFIRMED