



Bee Industry Council of Western Australia

MINUTES

General meeting held at Capilano, 99 Beechboro Rd, Bayswater 12.00pm Monday 27th November 2017

In attendance:

Present: Colin Fleay – Chairman
 Tiffane Bates
 Leilani Leyland – Secretary
 Michael Bellman
 Geoff Defrenne
 Matt Welch
 Wayne Ridley (1pm)

Member Body represented

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

Visitors: DBCA Caz Stonier, Matt King
 DPIRD Andrea Johnston, Paul Cassidy, Sonya Broughton, James Sheehan (new BBO)

Apologies:

Meeting opened 12.20pm

- Minutes of Previous Meeting: 2nd October 2017** Moved by Geoff Defrenne, Mat Welch

- BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES MEETING Monday 2nd October 2017**

ITEM	ACTION	WHO	COMPLETED
RIRDC/AHBIC Chemicals	None still to draft	CF	
Training	Cert III to launch Mid January Send letter of support to DC Send letter to Yanchep hub for Progress update.	DC LL LL	
BBO	Appointed, James Sheehan starts Mid November	FYI	attending meeting today
Media advice for industry Contacts (avocado report)	Emailed LL		Sent to WA News, Farm Weekly, Countryman. To send to ABC, TV Stns
National Biosecurity Roundtable	Held, Geoff Defrenne attended Geoff to provide report	GD	
Strategic Plan cover letter	MB sent, LL didn't receive, will resend	MB	
DBCA Apiary Conditions	BICWA to edit document and send to DBCA for comments	ALL	
Competition Policy 2018 Conference	see meeting notes later Venue Discussion. Tiff to follow up with UWA and Joondalup Campuses for venue quotes. LL to ask Royal Show for extra add ins Try Swan Valley Oasis also Ask Trevor Weatherhead who the speakers will be so we can possibly piggyback	TB LL LL	Emailed 28/11 Emailed TW 28/11
Consultant on Native Title Reply rec'd 24/11.	Need to bring up with DBCA how it will work. Request for a meeting with Simon Choo for any future meetings and be involved as a stakeholder who will be the contact in the Commonwealth Attorney Generals Department.		Emailed draft CF 28/11

3. REPORTS

3.1 CHAIRMANS REPORT

BBO attending meeting later today, officially commenced mid November.

Funding Letter to all universities, Murdoch , Curtin, cc Boris, Kingsley Dickson, ECU find out what projects currently underway can they submit a written report to our committee to keep us involved in all activities and if we wish could they attend meetings

[Emailed Universities asking for insight into bee projects](#)

[Emailed 28/11](#)

Discussion on WA-CA bee research proposed by Boris Baer. Now requesting a list of BK who wish to contribute. Tiffane Bates and Mat Welch will be involved. Geoff D is happy to be involved too if required.

[LL to advise Boris of Mat and Tiffanes involvement](#)

[Emailed Boris 28/11/17](#)

Surplus money coming from CRC where would we spend Part time Exec officer, enhance ports of entry surveillance ports, Fulltime position for BBO, upgrade from Part-time. Subsidise training costs for members to do Cert III.

Government funding \$50k to be allocated for leadership training. One person from each state to be allocated funding to take part in course and state to nominate This would be useful for the Part-time EO to undertake the training. Pollination contracts that will benefit from both honey production and pollination of different crop varieties.

[Re send letter to APC requesting funding for Bee Conference with Income and Expenses estimates.](#) [Emailed 28/11](#)

Question raised re. antibiotic use in beekeeping practices. Suggested it is something that the new BBO will be responsible for, to check when DPIRD come in.

3.2 Treasurers Report

Current Balance \$ 2307.85

3.3 WA Honey Promotions Committee (previously Jarrah Honey Promotions Committee)-- will be promoting all honeys under the arm of BICWA as the marketing section for all honeys.

[Ask Trevor if there is a National Honey Marketing board still?](#)

[LL emailed TW 28/11](#)

Trademark for Jarrah Logo Leilani advised that will be transferring the details from her company name to BICWA with IP Australia.

[LL submitted request 28/11](#)

3.4 DBCA Report

- Overlay of prescribed burns are already on the website.
- Permission to supply permits for other single government agencies. Not easy to change. Legal protection. About 100 sites that have been issued by DBCA but not managed by their department. Beekeeper needs to notify relevant authority once the renewal is due.
- Beekeeping on public land general conditions haven't been updated in a while. Committee to review and take back for consideration.

[Action: BICWA to review the general conditions and send for consideration](#)

[Action: ALL](#)

-
- Drop down box to be added to the map section so an email contact can be sent direct to beekeeper for site swaps etc. IT guys still putting together and will possibly do a dummy run for some beekeepers to have a look and supply comments as required.
 - Competition Policy. Can the policy change? Reviewed in 2003 and change. Will send a copy of the review for us to assess and look at if requires ACCC intervention to amend.

[DBCA to send out the conditions for assessment on competition policy for review by committee](#)

[Action: ALL](#)

-
- Drones need authority if flying drones on National Parks/Nature reserves.

[Drone notice to be put into the Bee Informed, Tiffane to email Matt King to get content.](#)

[Action TB/MK](#)

-
- Definition of stakeholders. DFES has access to this information. Caz is finding who the point of contact at DFES is.

[Caz to get DFES contact person to us](#)

[Action: CS](#)

DBCA (cont'd)

- Cost Recovery. Increase in rental prices. 50% to cost recovery for staff time. Looking to increase the rental over the next couple of years. \$160-\$170 per site in South West cost recovery. Application fee may need to increase over the site rental price. December next fees and charges review which would be implemented in September 2018. Length of tenure can look at 10 years. Suggesting \$120 SW zone is that a fair increase? Better service from the District staff to warrant increase. Management of sites, discuss with the district officer re. clearing/maintaining of tracks for access. Keith Low contact for control burning.

Left at 4pm.

3.5 DPIRD Report

- Welcome to James Sheehan new Bee Biosecurity Officer. Officially started in limited capacity. 0.5 (5 days a fortnight) in the Bee section. Still part-time. PHA Funds cover James wage. Operating costs will be covered by DPIRD.
- Importation of queen bees. Media release was issued for all states, all State apiary officers were contacted. Quarantine reviewed all documents so alert to travellers not to be brought in.
- \$587k Nat bee pest surveillance program, were any funds made available. Yes, this has increased number of ports to 8 and 44 sites allows for increased surveillance activity. Additional mite testing, catch boxes for AHB. Colin requested a map for sites so that we could look for gaps. PHA have come across to check locations and they were happy. Active Ports - Derby, Geraldton, Fremantle, Bunbury, Perth airport, Kwinana, Albany (no beekeeper as yet) and Esperance. Approval to increase passenger ships and flights to Broome so now looking to include as a port at Broome.
NT and WA catchboxes to go at the border, stock inspector available competent with bees? Yes, they are encouraged to check in with Perth if any queries,
- SHB in Kununnurra, traps are on the hives and nothing come back yet. Question raised if traps should be on all hives under regulations in place. Movement restriction is in place. Phil Sammut is assisting DPIRD and checking and providing results. Colin Fleay suggested good time for an eradication attempt to try whilst numbers are low.
- Bee Guard on target to be progressed. Working to finalise and will present to industry when drafted.
- Theft. Bees classified as stock yes they are. Contact Police department as it is regarded as theft. Penalties in place 7 years. BBO authorised under the BAM act for power of entry. Generally will ask for permission from BK.
- Health certification for exports for all states. Quarantine WA will follow up ebay sites etc if selling to WA. Send to health department any concerns with food products sold on social media.
- Reinforcing that beekeepers need to be registered with those that aren't registered. Eg. Swarm collectors. Has made contact with Wild Honey and he is collecting swarms and re-selling, not currently registered but he has been advised he needs to register.
- Importation of semen – current reviews in place, what rules are they for WA. Internationally is illegal to come into WA. Standard document for DAWR website has rules and regs. Testing for viruses discrepancy. No permits have been issued this year, will confirm this.

Sonya to check into further.

[Email confirmation of no permits issued rec'd 28/11](#)

- Antibiotic testing of honeys. NRS levy department AHBIC had directed that only export honey gets tested. Honey is taken off the shelves randomly to do testing but some tests are quite expensive.
- Detailed description for BBO work plan handed out. Training will be carried out with field days and surveillance training.
- Newfoundland beekeepers EFB. The person that carried out the testing was contacted and DPIRD advised that Information was inaccurate. EFB detected in Newfoundland so already present. Unknown if it was in the sample visual inspection carried out but not specifically for viruses or EFB.
- DPIRD Annual report figures in the Apiculture section inaccurate where from – possibly ABARES.

		ACTION
3/10/17	DPIRD Andrea, unable to attend meeting	N/A invite next meeting
2/10/17	Email David Currey update.	Cert III to Launch Mid Jan.
2/10/17	Email Geoff Crocker Bee Informed notice for burns and registration licensing concession	Emailed
5/10/17	GD Cost for Hire South Perth Hall	FYI
9/10/17	Stephen Lusk need for apiary sites	Emailed out to BK 9/10
10/10/17	Anne Mathews DER letter re. clearing permits	Emailed 10/10
09/10/17	Andrea DPIRD - Questions	Emailed
	Support letter for J Davies AHBIC nomination	Emailed to SD
11/10/17	CRC Participants Agreement for Signing	Signature sent to LB
	DBCA Native Title	Emailed Tracy Shea and Mark Webb
	Conference 2018 information for BICWA members	Comments requested
12/10/17	Newfoundland BK – Peter Armitage	Comments on bees purchased from WA Response?? See DPIRD report
	APVMA Roadmap for insect pollinators (WR)	FYI
16/10/17	Ian Baile burn concerns forwarded to Tracy Shea	Emailed, reply rec'd
	Burn notices request to all District offices - online system may be able to supply notifications	Emailed reply rec'd
17/10/17	Reminder email sent to Brendon Fewster re. Keith Low	Emailed
18/10/17	Bee Research Proposal partnership Boris Baer	Emailed interest 27/10
	Signed CRC Participants Agreement	FYI LB
	Working holiday visa enquiry	Ref Total
19/10/17	Food Packing enquiry	LL replied
	Daniel Williams – packaging and selling honey . LL reiterated the importance of educating the same information to these requests.	GD replied
	Rob A Buzz from Bees Industry analysis report	Fwd to Mike Bellman
14/10/17	Industry Training – FFTI 14 November	David Currey attending
27/10/17	Wild honey – website relocating bees	Andrea following up 2/11 DPIRD report
	Kirsten Martinus - <i>Promoting science and innovation in peripheries: the case of bees and beekeepers as boundary objects in peri-urban landscapes</i>	Emailed to WAFarmers and Commercial BICWA members 6/11/17
29/10/17	BOLT online training course information and links	Emailed to committee
30/10/17	Follow up Ligurian bee comments Jack Beewise	Emails.
	Mat Welch theft of nucs advice	FYI
	Imported Royal Jelly FB	Sent to Andrea DPIRD
01/11/17	DBCA Notification of change of notification permit issue	To discuss at meeting DBCA Report
02/11/17	Beehive stolen	FYI WR DPIRD REPORT
	Invoice outstanding for Agrifutures \$50k	Fwd CF and APC

	4. CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT	ACTION
CONT'd		
03/11/17	WA-CA Research Collaboration between California and WA	List of members to contribute. Mat Welch and Tiffane Bates to go onto committee.
	UAE workshop – Agric Export opportunities	FYI
04/11/17	AHBIC – online sales	FYI
	Enquiry Canola honey purchase	Emailed to sellers
05/11/17	Canola honey enquiry	Fwd to Bk packers
	Trevor AHBIC re. backyard packers etc	FYI
6/11/17	Kirsten Martinus Bee Research interviews	FWD to all to send out
7/11/17	Jess – packing enquiry	LL answered
8/11/17	DBCA Tracey/Matt/Caz accept to attend 3pm meeting	FYI
	26/11 United Nations Picnic promote buy local Ag produce invitation to attend.	FYI
	Information update on CRC projects etc	FYI
9/11/17	DPIRD offer to register Sensitive Sites map	For Fwd to all members
10/11/17	Horticulture Biosecurity Liason Officer - comments	All members
13/11/17	CRC Liz – In kind support value required	Emailed Liz all ok 28/11
14/11/17	DBCA reminder notification to advise apiary officers of site movements.	All
17/11/17	DPIRD Biosecurity update newsletter	FYI
	Agrifutures – overdue invoice for payment	Colin Fleay fwd to
20/11/17	FFTI Beekeeping Traineeship survey monkey due 28/11	ALL
	MB – Tuart Woodland consultation due 13/12 LL to draft and pass to MB for editing.	LL/MB
	Liz – UAE workshop – for trade	FYI
	FFTI Nimble News	FYI

5 General Business

5.1 **Transfer of Jarrah logo** - see previous in WA Honey Promotion 3.3.

5.2 **Michael Bellman meeting with Allannah MacTiernan** Needs the value of the bush, the industry and what does industry want. John Karansinski report will reveal these figures but still not complete. Needs to be able to create jobs for the future.

5.3 **Training** Letter to David Currey re. Offer assistance to get training underway.

Also letter to Yanchep Joint Venture for update on Training and how the bee industry will benefit.

[Letter to David Currey and to Yanchep Joint Venture re. training and current position.](#) LL

5.4 **ABC Great Southern TV show on Young Harvest** inspiring young kids to learn how to work.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-11-26/honey-bees-jobs-program-facing-axe-despite-success/9184638>

LL sent email to find out more details and make them aware of our industry and possible placements for these interested young people. Emailed via website 27/11

Meeting Closed at 5.00pm.

Next Meeting Monday 22nd January 2018

Proposed next Monday 19th February 2018

Monday 19th March 2018

Colin FLEAY

Chairman

22nd January 2018

ACTIONS from Meeting 27th November 2017

ITEM	WHO	ACTION
2. BUSINESS ARISING		
Media Advice for contact points	LL	Fwd to ABC 30/11/17 v
National Biosecurity Roundtable Report	GD	Provide Report for next meeting
2018 Conference	LL/TB TW/LL	Quotes for Venues Speakers coming to Qld Conf
Native Title letter requesting stakeholder Invitation for future.	LL	Emailed 28/11
3 REPORTS		
3.1 Emailed Universities asking for insight into bee projects	LL	Emailed Murdoch, ECU, Curtin 30/11/17
WA-CA Bee Research Committee	LL	28/11 Emailed Boris TB and MW attendees
APC Funding Request redo to include budget	LL	Emailed Tarsh 30/11/17
3.3 Honey Marketing Board	LL	Emailed Trevor Weatherhead 28/11. No, no longer exists. Packers don't favour idea.
3.4 General Conditions, beekeeping on public land	ALL	Review conditions and submit to DBCA
Competition Policy	ALL/DBCA	Review conditions for assessment once received
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	Email rec'd 28/11 confirming no permits issued
4 CORRESPONDENCE		
Tuart Woodland consultation paper	LL/MB	LL Draft content and forward to MB
5 GENERAL BUSINESS		
5.3 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	LL	Emailed YJV 28/11/17 offer assistance
5.4 ABC Great Southern	LL	LL spoke to Young Harvest 18/12 Emailed committee with info. 18/12

2018 Annual Bee Industry Conference Ideas

BBO to do a presentation about the "western Australian sentinel hive surveillance plan and the current biosecurity measures in place to protect our industry"

Varroa and how to treat it. Boris?

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

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

DPIRD: Penalties for Honey and Hive Theft

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