



Western Australian Beekeepers Association Inc.

Minutes of AGM 12 May & 10 June, 2017

Attendees - AGM (12 May 2017 – preceeding WABA/WAF Conference)				
Peter Detchon (Chairman)	Julie Dinsdale (Vice Chairman)	John Enkelmann (Treasurer)	Wayne Ridley (BICWA / APC Rep)	Laura McLean (Secretary)
Bryan Payne	Mike Conway	Ian Morphett	Kynan Ridley	Afon Edwards
Mike Summerfield	Shane McLinden	David Flemming	Mike Conway	Basie Van Royen
Ian Morphett	Louis de Klerk	Blaine Campbell	Blaine Campbell	
Kim Coleman	Glenn Pattison	Rob Sheahy		
Visitors				
Geoff Defrane	Vidushi Patel			

Attendees - Resumption of AGM (10 June 2017)				
Peter Detchon (Chairman)	Julie Dinsdale (Vice Chairman)	John Enkelmann (Treasurer)	Wayne Ridley (BICWA / APC Rep)	Laura McLean (Secretary)
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Committee Members in **bold** Apologies in *grayscale italics*

AGENDA

1. Opening and welcome new members and visitors
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Financial Report
4. Committee Matters
5. BICWA Report - *Wayne Ridley*
6. APC Report - *Wayne Ridley*
7. Website Progress
8. Correspondance Inwards
9. Correspondance Outwards
10. Industry Information
11. General business
12. Next Meeting
13. Close

MINUTES OF MEETING

General Administration

Peter Detchon opened the meeting and welcome new members and visitors

Apologies

Minutes of previously adjourned AGM (12 May 2017)

Minutes of previous meeting - Draft minutes of the meeting were circulated prior to the meeting. Motion: Peter Detchon That the minutes are a true and correct record. Seconded by John Enkelmann – Motion carried.

Chairman's Report – Peter Detchon's annual report available on website

Treasurers Report – Afon Edwards' audited statement of accounts was circulated and available on website

Election of Committee and office bearers:

Nominees requested for Chairman - Peter Detchon nominated - Seconded by Laura McLean - Elected

Nominees requested for Vice Chairman - Julie Dinsdale nominated - Seconded by Laura McLean - Elected

Nominees requested for Treasurer - John Enkelmann nominated - Seconded by Laura McLean - Elected

Nominees requested for Secretary - Laura McLean nominated - Seconded by Wayne Ridley - Elected

Nominees requested for BICWA Director- Wayne Ridley nominated - Seconded by Peter Detchon - Elected

Nominees requested for BICWA Alternate Director - Mat Walsh nominated - Seconded by Afon Edwards - Elected

Nominees requested for general Committee members - Mike Summerfield, Rob Sheehy, Ben Pan - Elected

Meeting adjourned to 10/06/2017

Meeting reconvened 10th June

Financial Matters

BICWA have issued an invoice for Membership FY16-17 - \$1000

With establishment of a BICWA membership fee structure, previously approved WABA donation to BICWA to assist in covering Secretary arrears is no longer to be paid.

Profits from conference still to be finalised- a modest profit after expenses is expected. Finalising with WAFarmers EO - LM/JE

Outgoings - Website hosting fees for 2 years - ~\$380 - JD needs to be reimbursed

- Venue hire fee invoices for WABA meetings- need to check if have been paid- JE

Committee Matters

N/A

BICWA Report

BICWA meeting minutes to be posted on website - may need to be summarised or edited. Possibly need to be redacted or just include report from BICWA rep on website - add Wayne's contact details to website so members can contact on BICWA matters.

Correspondence from WAF Secretary was tabled. Discussion of proposal that individuals may become direct members of BICWA. **Motion (PD / JE) - BICWA structure to remain the same - CARRIED (All)**

ANZACC Guidelines - TA and MGO not allowed.

APC Report

Wayne Ridley is now a committee member of APC BK committee.

APC is funded by annual charge to BKs of \$15-20 plus \$1.10/hive/yr. In FY18 this will increase to \$1.20/hive. Ratio by which funds are distributed between was amended by vote at the conference.

A summary of the APC FY18 budget was given: Total funds ~\$89000 (~2000BKs + 33000hives). Outgoings: \$8000 PHA SHB study, \$33000 to produce and print Beelformed newsletter, \$25000 RIDIC Project, \$9000 Committee fees (committee \$300/meeting, chair \$600/meeting), \$10000 annual fees to APC.

APC may require increased funds to in budget for BBO, research projects and ongoing contribution to biosecurity relief funds. It is proposed that fees may be increased to \$2.50/hive - allocation of additional funds would need to be further discussed.

Motion (WR / LM) – That WABA would support if necessary an increase in APC fee up to \$2.50/hive - CARRIED (5/4)

Motion (JE / BP) - Rescind previous motion - CARRIED (5/4)

Motion (JE / BP) – That WABA strongly recommends APC to make significant budget savings by discontinuing paper distribution of Beelformed newsletter in favour of electronic distribution - CARRIED (All)

Motion (WR / LM) - That WABA would support if necessary an increase in APC fee up to \$2.50/hive - CARRIED (6/3)

Motion (WR/LM) That APC reinstate all clauses required by the APC Act - CARRIED (All)

APC calling for research project proposals. Potential APC research project - Eradication of small hive beetle in Kimberley - scoping study to be completed, risk assessment, Is it feasible especially due to number of wild hives especially along Ord? Rob Manning thinks it is possible

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WABA Website

JD/LM will continue talks with BICWA/CRC to coordinate websites preventing double-up of content
Draft minutes of WABA meetings will be posted on website for review by members – replace with chairman-signed version once ratified at subsequent meeting.

Correspondence Inwards

Email from WAFarmers outlining potential fold of WAFarmers Beekeeping section and potential for WAFarmers to request individual membership in BICWA
Email from Michael Bellman regarding lack of attendance at DPAW prescribed burning presentation - large amounts of forest /national park earmarked for future burning. Maps of the 3year and one year burning plans were tabled – these are available on the DPaW website.

Correspondence Outwards

N/A

Industry Information

Prescribed Burning: Briefing on Monday had relatively poor attendance.
Some feeling of disappointment in the meeting, that burning would happen irrespective of beekeeper wishes.
There may be some improvement in consultation between govt and BICWA. Beekeepers need to begin actively negotiating and consulting directly with their local area Forrest management.
Representative from WAFarmers to attend upcoming bushfire mitigation summit

Motion (AE/BP) change ANZACC labelling standards to be able to state Phenol Activity, MGO - CARRIED (ALL)

General Business

Prospects for 17/18 season:

Goldfields: Silvertop Gimlet, Two Winged Gimlet.

Banksia country has been going very well for the last two months. Menzies, Orange and Rose banksia has 2-3 weeks left. Fox banksia has already finished flowering but was dry. Parrot bush is well budded, Acacia Prickly Moses is already flowering in some areas (a little early).

Forrests: Jarrah is well budded but will need to keep its bud until August before we know if any good.

Blackbutt is very well budded and looks like will flower this season, not next.

North: Ningham station York gum is starting but in shortage of pollen. BKs are feeding.

South Coast has been wet so access may be an issue – especially moving north from Esperance above Hyden.

South West: yate has produced very well.

Problems with FeedBee patties drying out in our climate. Need to cap pattie with grease-proof paper so bees can only access from below and sides. Also add Glycerol (Supplier \$116 for 10L from *Big Bubble*) at 1%?.

Soy flour: Problems getting bees to take soy flour from drum. Afon having success getting bees to take from within the hive. (Suppliers: Soy Products of Australia, Vic (minimum 1T order), smaller quantities from bakeries). Need to ensure you get "de-bitted" soy flour (phytoestrogen enzymes removed). Need to protect from moths. Theory that flour needs to be used fresh: PD thinks this is not a major issue.

Burning: DPaW briefing was held on Monday. General feeling of disappointment in the meeting, that burning would happen irrespective of beekeeper wishes.

Govt communication and consultation with BKs may improve through BICWA as single representative body. Beekeepers are encouraged to begin actively negotiating and consulting directly with their local area Forrest management officers.

Discussion of DPaW waiving site fees when sites are burned. This should be followed up.

KR raised concern about the quality of queens available. Inability of getting access to RIBB stocks. Are they publicly available or, otherwise, should they be given the monopoly by RIA on sterile mating site? Does RIA realise that RIBB is now private? Originally the Ag department ran the program (hired an AI expert from Germany, Tilly... , for a fortnight), raised and sold open mated queens from the program at \$25 each as a service to the industry. When the DAFWA program closed it was taken on by private entities so we can no longer expect them to supply to the open market at a cheap price considering all the planning, effort and resources they input. Estimated monetary input is \$1500 per RIBB member.

The "breeder" queens that are sold out of the program are usually those that were produced by the previous season program. Hence the purchased queens are one year old. The program takes eggs for the next season then sells the old queens.

Members who do purchase these queens should aim to graft eggs to raise new queens asap while the purchased queen is still viable. Are they the high quality bees that we seek?

Discussion on revival of the WABA Hygenic Bee Breeding group for 17-18 season. Combination of factors halted progress last year. Group intends to reboot for coming season.

Newly Actioned Items

N/A

MINUTES OF MEETING

Actions Outstanding

3/12/2016 1.1	<p>Agenda Item: Correspondance Inwards - Letter from WAFF</p> <p>Discussion: WAFF not actually representative of WA beekeepers due to other organisations (WABA and WAAS) and low relative membership. Industry structure requires review. BICWA rep would be more suitable as voting delegate. Last review 1993.</p> <p>Action Required: Responding Letter</p> <p>Assigned additional duties to: Peter Detchon / Laura McLean</p>
3/12/2016 1.3	<p>Agenda Item: WABA Website</p> <p>Discussion: Floating web champion rotated on a monthly basis to be responsible for updating WABA website</p> <p>Action Required: Delegation of web champion</p> <p>Assigned duties to: Committee Members</p>
3/12/2016 1.5	<p>Agenda Item: General Business - Apiary Site Fees</p> <p>Discussion: WABA members do not support any proposed increase in apiary site fees. Formal letter to be sent with the WABA BICWA representative to next BICWA meeting</p> <p>Action Required: Letter</p> <p>Assigned duties to: Peter Detchon / Laura McLean</p>

Actions Closed

3/12/2016 1.4	<p>Agenda Item: Committee Matters</p> <p>Discussion: No member present willing to be vice chairman. Floating vice chairman may be a potential option if no member is willing to take on role.</p> <p>Action Required: Election of a Vice Chairman</p> <p>Assigned duties to: Peter Detchon / Laura McLean</p> <p>Outcome: Julie Dinsdale volunteered as Vice Chairman</p>
3/12/2016 1.2	<p>Agenda Item: Correspondance Outwards - Letter to BICWA</p> <p>Discussion: Offer of donation payment of 1/3 outstanding arrears of BICWA secretary</p> <p>Action Required: Letter of Offer</p> <p>Assigned duties to: John Enkelmann</p> <p>Outcome: No longer required. BICWA formalised annual membership fee ensuring all member associations to contribute to secretarial arrears.</p>
25/03/2017 2.1	<p>Agenda Item: Membership</p> <p>Discussion: WABA Membership</p> <p>Action Required: Update form and send to WABA members</p> <p>Assigned duties to: John Enkelmann</p> <p>Outcome: Membership now available online</p>

Next Meeting.

09/09/2017 - 9.00am - 4.00pm 184 Hope Road, Bibra Lake, WA 6163

Meeting Closed 14:50 (PD/JE)

Distribution / Sign off:
