



# Bee Industry Council of Western Australia

## MINUTES of General Meeting held at Capilano, 99 Beechboro Road, Bayswater 12.00pm Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017

### In attendance:

#### Member Body represented

Present:	Colin Fleay – Chairman	APC Beekeepers Committee
	Tiffane Bates	APC Beekeepers Alternate
	Leilani Leyland – Secretary	WA Farmers Beekeepers
	Geoff Defrenne	WA Apiarist Society
	Peter Detchon	WABA Alternate
	Michael Bellman	Capilano – Observer

Visitors: Ken Dods – Chemcentre  
Liz Barbour – UWA

Apologies: Wayne Ridley WABA  
Gary Templeman WAAS

Opened 12.30pm. Thank you to Capilano for providing lunch.

### 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were moved as a true and correct record by Geoff Defrenne Second by Tiffane Bates

#### Liz Barbour & Ken Dods –

UWA have agreed for Liz Barbour to be interim CEO of CRC Board effective 24/4/17. Constitution with board. Membership based on cash contributions, Chemcentre, UWA and Yanchep largest contributors. In kind not recognised. Require 5 members plus chairperson, 41 replies from institute of company directors. 3 externals, 2 internals. BICWA not required to contribute further. Only Chemcentre contribution and RIRDC contribution which have already been made. BICWA and WAHRDG (WAFarmers) will instruct Chemcentre on how to vote.

Specific projects need to be defined. Research Project Proposal Ken and Liz to put this together.

**Research Programmes – Honey bee Product.** Three sub programs. Kate has been battling to get samples from beekeepers. Instead project will do their own sampling. Members of the CRC can make a collaborative relationship if there is an area that needs researching as long as an existing member is approached. More members can be brought in. 31<sup>st</sup> October Yanchep opening. May 2018 Conference joint with WA Farmers Annual conference.

**Chemcentre Milestone 2 report** – output from six months of project. (Milestone 1 initial payment and the establishment of the project) Delivers value to regional areas as it is a grant for royalty to regions. Required format by DAFWA. Ken going to NZ to look at recent Manuka standard that has been developed and how we can do the same with Jarrah honey in WA.

Mislabelling/adulteration of honey has occurred overseas this is an area that needs to be educated to the beekeeper.

Funding for BICWA will come from the second DAFWA has been submitted. Funds for Jess Turnbull invoice will come from this same grant. DAFWA funds are currently on hold so unknown when these funds will be realised.

[Action: Ken to send electronic copy of Milestone Report](#)

### 2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

2.1 Clarify whether treatment or eradication from Doug Sommerville.

2.2 Change to Correspondence item 3.4 should read **US\$20 per month**.

2.3 CRC Funding agreement email sent to Ken Dods – Yes he sits under Peter Brookes. The extension to five years is to expand on current project with the current Marri and Jarrah with a third species to be studied in last two years. Wandoo is suggested by this committee.

[Action: Send a letter to Chemcentre in support of their projects and good for industry.](#)

[This was sent to Chemcentre 30/01/2016.](#)

**2.4** ASIC Fee for company statement. Company limited by guarantee originally set up as was recommended by WAFarmers Lawyers. Suggestion to change to a PTY LTD Company to reduce annual fee to \$260. Can't be funded through APC as not in their charter. Michael offered to investigate if Capilano can pay the account for now to halt the monthly fees being charged. Proposed that Capilano join BICWA as an honorary member.

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Actions: Capilano to pay the invoice outstanding of \$1492.00 plus any fees incurred for April Geoff to look at changing companies whats involved

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Geoff Defrenne proposed a motion that a membership fee be charged to all member bodies \$1,000 as an annual fee per financial year 2016/17. Second by Colin Fleay. Motion passed, all in favour.

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Action: Letter to each group asking for payment of member funds. BICWA is more of a united front and this is accepted.

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**2.5** Tiffane – research institutions – bee research items.

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Action: LL to Send agenda to Tiffane for WA Farmers when available.

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### 3. CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT

- 27/03 CRC funding agreement **sent to Geoff Defrenne & Wayne Ridley Sent to Ken Dods Q. where Chemcentre fits in**  
Quarantine notice Tomato Psyllid Andrea Johnstone
- 28/03 FFTI – Industry Reference committees positions.  
03/04 Email from Yujun Ichikawa re. Helico Pylori (JHPC replied, Liz Barbour replied)  
03/04 Michael Bellman re. DPaW Esperance burns **Minister Letter drafted and sent 11/04**
- 04/04 Letter to Allannah MacTiernan Invitation and welcome. **Sent 04/04**
- 04/04 CRC – Liz Barbour summary of current progress
- 05/04 Capilano – invitation to attend Suppliers meeting 27<sup>th</sup> April
- 06/04 ASIC Annual Fee Public Company \$1492 (incl fees orig \$1176) **Sent to APC to pay**
- 11/04 Varroa eradication - Email Sonya Broughton reminder  
Prescribed Burns letter to Minister Environment etc.  
WAAS letter of support urban beekeeping.
- 11/4 Email to DPaW re. site buy out by BK charging large fees to register. -

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Ask Tracy S some 600 sites have been released in a Quarantine Jarrah sites how come he was allowed. This contradicts the statement made by Tracy Shea at a previous BICWA meeting.

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12/4 Reply from Matt King re. Sites being rented out.

13/4 Andrea Johnston Alternate EFB treatment options for import conditions into WA.

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**Emailed for committee to take back to their groups for comment. 25/4**

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13/4 Acknowledgement of letter to Alannah MacTiernan

25/4 Tracy Shea DPaW - speaker for WAFarmers/WABA conference on Fire Policy etc – Keith Low

### 4. Strategic Plan Team Leader summary

**Quality – Gary Templeman** Absent

**Biosecurity – Colin Fleay** BBO appointment Colin Fleay, Sonia Broughton and Matt King are on the selection panel.  
Potato/Tomato Psyllid asked to check for bee sites if management plans for spraying to be notified to beekeepers in area.  
Hort guard meeting Biosecurity standard for WA papers for review to come, any feedback send to Colin for draft plan.

**Resource Management/Security – Wayne Ridley** Absent

**Industry Development – Geoff** Wines regions etc need to do same for honey. Chemcentre project will explore this.

**Bee Production and Health – Tiffane** Has been working with Julia Grassl with list of projects that would like within the CRC.  
Feedback on thoughts on programme. 5 year project Flag anything that you thinks needs comment. Closes by 5/5. Tiffane finishes this week. Possible appointment within CRC later in the year.

**Communication – Leilani Leyland and Julie Dinsdale** [www.bicwa.com.au](http://www.bicwa.com.au) is live.

Chairman thanked Leilani Leyland for all work done for industry

**Funding – Ken Dods** Two DAFWA grants have been submitted. DAFWA funds are currently on hold.

**Training – David Currey** RTO checking exercise still ongoing. Training to commence in June with RPL.

## 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Minister for Agriculture Letter

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[Action: Follow up Allannah McTiernan letter invite to meeting following Honey Festival](#)

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5.3 Election of members for BICWA AGM to be held at WAFarmers conference 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

5.4 UWA / RIRDC project IP rights. Asked Liz Barbour if RIRDC as a government body entitled to IP. Yes they are. Industry has 40% of IP. Contract between UWA and RIRDC with a page on IP. Contract to supply cash between BICWA and RIRDC. Colin Fleay has asked them to state the 40% is BICWA in the contract. BICWA will then need to write a letter to APC for the funds that will come in for this project.

5.5 Fire at Cascades Esperance. Issue still that the fire can get out of control even though they say they are burning a chained area around the perimeter.

5.6 Motion presented by The Chairman Colin Fleay that

**The WA Honey Research Development Group (WAHRDG) Is a subcommittee of the Bee Industry of Western Australia (BICWA) (representing the WAFarmers Beekeeping Section, WA Apiarist Society, WA Beekeepers Association and APC Beekeepers' Committee) where it continues to provide industry focused, unique commercial insight and strategic development that actively influences the direction of the honey industry commercial sector.**

All in favour, second Peter Detchon.

**Meeting closed at 4.10pm**

**Next Meeting Monday May 22nd 12pm invite Chemcentre & Liz Barbour too.**

**Noted that alternates and observers and Chemcentre to be invited to ALL meetings (both do not have to attend but are invited).**

Signed as a true and correct record

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Colin Fleay

Chairman

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES MEETING Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

<b>What</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Status</b>
Clarify whether chemicals forwarded are treatment or eradication	CF	
Milestone Report to be emailed	Ken Dods	
Support letter to Chemcentre	N/A	Already sent 30/01/2016
Letter to be sent to each group asking for membership fee \$1000pa	LL	Draft CF GD 25/4
Payment of ASIC invoice	Capilano	Michael investigating
Tracy Shea DPaW email re. 600 Quarantine sites allocated query	LL	Draft email CF 25/4
Andrea Johnstone DAFWA – alternate EFB treatment options	ALL	Emailed all 25/4
Minister for Ag – Allannah McTiernan follow up invite	LL	after Honey Fest
UWA/RIRDC IP rights	CF	Contract amend
Research Institutions for Items for conference	TB/LL	LL to send conf details once avail