



Bee Industry Council of Western Australia

MINUTES

General meeting held at Capilano Bayswater 10.00am Monday 20th August 2018

In attendance:

Present:

Tristan Campbell
Tiffane Bates
Leilani Leyland – Chairperson
Michael Bellman - Secretary
Brendon Fewster
Mat Welch
Wayne Ridley
Soren Houlberg
Eileen Stark (Observer)

Member Body represented

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

Liz Barbour

Honey Bee CRC

Apologies:

Andrea Johnston- DPIRD (after meeting), David Currey, Caz Stonier & Matt King DBCA

Meeting opened 10.06am

1 Minutes of Previous Meeting: 23rd July 2018 - Moved by MW second BF

All agreed

2.1 BUSINESS ARISING AND ACTIONS FROM MINUTES 23rd July 2018

Meeting Section 23/7mins	ITEM	WHO	ACTION	COMPLETED
BA 2.3	DBCA Apiary General Conditions	LL	Waiting for DBCA to comment – 20/07 Letter to be sent to Director general regarding meeting as well as voice our disapproval on delay	
BA 2.6	Importation of semen	AJ	Meeting 23/7 advised no decision yet	
BA 2.12	Bee Guard	AJ	Review work in progress, maybe superseded by national plan Feedback needed on Varroa exercise	complete
	CRC clarification of specific projects	MB	Letter sent – meeting held for data sharing BICWA to be advised on all projects	

	Thank you to Sentinel Port surveillance beekeepers	MB	Letter to Andrea to forward thanking sentinel hive beekeepers	
	Conference speakers	ALL	Suggestions to be forwarded	
	APC \$3,000 funds to be returned?	TC	To check if they need to be returned	TC advised yes, they do.
	List of Acronyms of industry	MB	Supply list of acronyms for new members	√ Complete
	Imported Honey	LL	BICWAS position LL to do up letter – AHBICs position	
	Clearing Permits	MW	Following up	
27/07/18	Wayne “Is nutrition labelling working” BICWA needs a position		Check with AHBICs position Opportunity to put a biosecurity/ food safe message on them	
	Email from Peter Wallace re. another Chinese Delegation wanting to meet with Commercial beekeepers.	Fwd to committee		

3. REPORTS

3.1 CHAIRMAN REPORTS

Not a great deal to report on this month. You were all at the Strategic Plan meeting and you will have seen the notes, next we will get the draft plan 22 August to which you'll need to reply to by 7th September.

As you've heard from Andrea I attended the Varroa Exercise Program at Pagoda 3/8 as the AHBIC representative. Wayne Ridley and myself were on the Public Information and Engagement table so how and when to advise the public and media of the notification. Lots of red tape involved but of course they need to be careful that procedures are followed and mass hysteria doesn't erupt. Stephen Fewster, Dave Leyland, Afon Edwards were on other stations. It was a contact from a hobbyist beekeeper in Como with one hive that he had purchased from another beekeeper and this was established following investigations through the day.

I reported on the Melbourne Varroa incident and have forwarded you relevant media releases and information with regards to that. If you don't get the AHBIC newsletter just go onto the website and type in your email address to receive it. Hopefully you've all considered becoming a friend of AHBIC, it's no different to BICWA if we don't support it, it will struggle to exist.

3.2 DPIRD – Andrea Johnston

Andrea was unable to attend, however updated the meeting afterwards via email.

Some points from bee prepared exercise:

Well attended and good participation by all.

All documents produced are with PHA along with DPIRD procedures for update of national contingency plan for varroa. A national workshop to be held in December.

Immediate outcomes being progressed in WA:

Discussions between DPIRD and Victorian DPI re training material for staff and beekeepers in event of incident

All sticky mats currently assessed by DPIRD labs but discussions to work with university (UWA, Curtin & Murdoch) and other labs for overflow diagnostics in event of incident. (John Chadwick raised this at workshop)

New beekeepers coming through WAAS from spring to have training in sugar shakes with 60 kits being supplied to WAAS for upcoming training. Details for purchase of further kits will be supplied to BICWA.

Other

NBPSP

Thank you letters from BICWA have been forwarded to beekeepers on NBPSP

Queen restocking schedule provided and staggered over September & October for all locations.

Last few ports - Albany, Bunbury and Kwinana to have sentinel hives out over next few weeks in time for spring

1 further report of AFB isolated and managed.

Lastly, I will be on leave from 27 August - 16 October. Simon and James will be available.

Please send through any items for follow up to pbhoney@dpiird.wa.gov.au as this is accessible by both as well as Bill Trend.

3.3 TREASURER Balance of account \$ 8414.62

Discussion on opportunities for future funding

- Chem centre – money – 1% levy
- To be discussed further within Strategic planning

3.4 WA HONEY PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE

No correspondence – discussion on opportunity for funding for conference via money held for honey promotion

3.5 WAHDRG UPDATE - Matt Welch

MW report on WAHRDG

- leveraging distributors cash for Food waste grant

In principal support for funding

MW to decipher KD documents

- TA Testing – still issues with method confirmation - UWA v Chem centre – volumes/ costs etc
- Label certification
- Testing for export

MW to ask KD to provide a report in lamens terms that beekeepers can understand.

Peter Arbuckle has met with the group re. looking at grant submissions. KD to bring an agreement for BICWA to sign and PA to move forward with this.

3.6 DBCA

Did not attend: Meeting to be arranged with Director General a.s.a.p.

3.7 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Discussions on the plans for next year's conference– 3-day event

We need a conference team with BICWA to lead

Possible venues: UWA, Showgrounds, Conference centre

Structure, Topics t.b.a.

Suggested speakers

- Dr Katja Hogendoorn – planting melliferous plants
reply - Thanks for the invite - I'm flattered! It depends a bit on when, and whether you will refund flight/accommodation and conference registration.
I need to make the money work for the research, and the funds I have for the revegetation project need to be spent in SA...
- Canadian BK – Ian Stepler Definitely consider but anticipates No as unfortunately not best time for him in May
- Agronomist to talk on pesticides - Graham Laslett (Mark Rhodes suggested) Confirmed Yes will attend
- NZ speaker – Varroa -
- DBCA district Officers to be invited, a meet and greet (rather than present)
- CSIRO
- CIBER

3.8 TRAINING UPDATE David Currey

David did not attend, however forwarded an email for the meeting

The initial Cert III course is nearing completion. I anticipate finishing the delivery of all units of competency on the 17th August. I will have to deliver some additional training to students that missed a day – something I had not really anticipated. The September lecture will be opening hives to demonstrate competency of working with bees, analysing the brood frames and extracting honey, followed by a review of all topics.

The “graduation day” is set for the CRC AGM, where Christian Porter will be present. To maximise publicity for the course, he has been asked to present the certificates. This will be an excellent opportunity for the media to boost the need for a recognised beekeeping qualification.

The next course will commence on 24 September, but be run on a Saturday at Jandakot Airport, using the WA Aviation College’s facilities.

From next week, I will be in a position to visit commercial beekeepers and undertake a recognition of prior learning exercise for them to qualify.

4 Correspondence IN / OUT**20 mins**

		ACTION
DATE	DESCRIPTION	BY WHOM
23/7/18	Various emails re. Clearing Permits letters etc sent to DER for Matt to follow up with	MW
24/07/18	Mark Rhodes – Agronomist confirmed for Conference 2019	Completed
	Michael O’Brien – Wooroloo Prison enquiry re. bee hive acquisition and training	Ref to Dave Currey, WAAS group Dave L to supply nuc hives in Spring
	Cherry Harrop – re CRC request for data from DPIRD	CH advised data as per website will be supplied
	Update of Executive of NSWAA FYI Request for our members details	Circulated email and forwarded info
	Invitation to CRC Opening 26 th September 2019	FYI
	Question from Liz re. date of Conference next year	FYI
25/7/18	Follow up on contact re. BK training over blocks for FIFO worker	Fwd to Dave Currey will be doing the WAAS course 1/9.
	Feedback from Committee re training being provided	FYI
26/07/18	Ian Stepler BK Canada Declined to attend conference	FYI
	CRC Data Management Sensitivity meeting changed to 10 th Oct	Meeting held
	DPIRD Exercise Varroa Workshop to be held 3 rd August	Held
	Liz Barbour request for honey for Chinese Delegation	Tristan replied to provide
	Email from Peter Wallace re. another Chinese Delegation wanting to meet with Commercial beekeepers.	Fwd to committee. Wayne to take reigns on this one.
27/07/18	Wayne “Is nutrition labelling working” BICWA needs a position	WR would this come under the CRC Project 4?

31/07/18	WR Report on outcomes for industry Ken Dods suggest going into Bee Informed	Fwd to committee for comment. Replies content with some editing prior. Deferred to 23/11 BI issue as already full.
	LL follow up Dave Richards email 25/2 re. AFB reports, outbreaks, notifications hotspots etc	Fwd to Andrea. Reply AFB notifiable if there was a large outbreak in an area BK in that area would be notified
1/08/18	Liz CRC re. Indonesia visit invitation to attend meeting	Fwd to committee WR interested.
01/08/18	Cc Liz email to AHBIC re. bid for Congress	FYI AHBIC decided to wait until current committee closes off then let new CEO deliberate on bids.
02/08/18	Shane McLinden suggesting a 10c/kg levy be more suitable as way of raising funds for AHBIC	Tabled at AHBIC meeting. Commonwealth raises levies. Currently AHBIC requested Agrifutures to look at all levies and cost factors.
	Advice from Tristan C that the \$3k needs to be returned to APC	LL requested bank details from Tarsh
03/08/18	CRC Project 3 Variation for signing – AFB detection	Fwd to committee no objections LL signed.
07/08/18	Sentinel Hive letter to send to Andrea	MB
	Thank you from Andrea DPIRD re attendance at Exercise Bee Prepared	Andrea to report on this at meeting
09/08/18	DAWR - final notes on Bee Semen meeting	FYI forwarded committee
	AJ DPIRD contact from Simon Young, Kalgoorlie beekeeper that is a paramedic responding to call for first responders	Recorded details and filed for future. Sent email to BI asking notice to be repeated.
	CH - Strategic plan notes from workshop. Draft to be out 22 August	FYI
10/08/18	Joy Coy – RASWA notification of Honey Competition and lack of entries.	LL replied and advised new contact details for 2019 show.
	Summary of outcomes from Data Sensitivity meeting 10/8	FYI
13/08/18	Stephen Dawson reply to Prescribed burning Letter	Fwd to committee. TC comment an injunction may be something to look at
	Email from Ben White re. access to beehive numbers for CRC project	Fwd to committee agenda Monday
	MB update on data sensitivity and BICWAS role	Fwd to committee
	New beekeeper enquiry	Fwd WAAS information
	Request for DC Training report	Report submitted
	Capilano update on acquisition	FYI fwd committee
14/08/18	Caz DBCA - still waiting on DPIRD to finalise comments on conditions	Email Andrea to find out holdup. She is chasing up.
	Liz re. beekeepers asking for research that haven't contributed to CRC	Liz to elaborate at meeting Monday
15/08/18	Ken Dods re. WAHDRG meeting proposed same day as BICWA, rescheduled to 2pm 20/08/18 at Capilano	FYI
	LL to MW re. refund overpayment Simon Green conference Fee	MW to organise payment
16/08/18	Tracy Shea, farewell letter from DBCA to BICWA	Fwd to Committee replied to TS
17/8/18	Phone conversation with Andrea DPIRD re. sentinel hive queen requirements	Email to MB re. beekeepers to supply queens for sentinel hives
	Liz CRC – Project variation to budget for signing	LL fwd signed form 19/8

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Strategic Plan – to come 22 August comments to be returned to Cherry by 7 September.

All to review and comment if required.

TC to do draft business plan – once information received.

5.2 First Aid training to First Responders

One response so far.

Need to review with all BK as per plans in place

5.3 Data Management sensitivity meeting update and email to APC

MB and SH attended.

1/ The CRC (Liz) is to provide us with an update of all projects at the next meeting and which ones may require further interaction/ information from Beekeepers.

2/ Because one of the projects (Vidushi's) has already set a precedent of what is required for UWA ethics protocols, then this must be the format going forward (intentions of the research etc)

3/ Anyone not involved directly with the CRC or BICWA must come through BICWA for access to research data.

4/ Ongoing review and a set agenda item at BICWA meetings regarding all research within WA industry.

5/ BICWA to have final say with regards to what's being published,

6/ Individual beekeepers still have final say on any data that they want to share

Other

The BICWA committee authorised support for Tristan to access CRC data for his project.(details below)

Data requested:

- The HBPCRC has data from DBCA of hive movements from the Wellington area (dates hives moved onto and off apiary sites) going back many years
- Vidushi has been collecting data on hive movements over the past few years. I request data on site location, dates hives moved on and off site and weight of honey harvested per hive for red gum harvests.

Proposed use of data:

Research towards my PhD has included development of a satellite data tool that shows good correlation against red gum honey harvest volumes for a test site in Mundaring. This tool needs to be tested against multiple other sites to determine whether it can be used as a general guide to annual site productivity. The DBCA and Vidushi's data will allow the tool to be tested across a variety of land use, geographic and canopy cover situations. Should the tool prove consistent, it will be developed under the WAHDRG as a GIS layer for the DBCA apiary portal.

Privacy:

All data will be de-identified and provided by the CRC with coordinates only for site locations (i.e. no names or apiary site numbers). Published data will show maps and locations on sufficiently large scale to not allow identification of specific sites. My own personal site data will be used for specific examples of how the tool has been developed and applied.

5.4 Arrange for meeting with Peter Dans Dep DG Min Environ. – as per 3.6

5.5 UWA/ CRC: Liz Barbour

- All relevant CRC projects to have access to beekeeper for assistance
- BICWA to see what's published assist with what's relevant to be published.
- Publishes "commercial in confidence"
- Sensitive – MTA – ethics
- Follow up on Kingsley Dixon
- Summary of project and Ben White to be invited to next meeting
- Conference plans – do we go for it – 2021? Tourism ? April
- Y Hub – students – go to FIAL – do some wax – value added products
- App – being set up – Citizen science – work out what flower it is – nectar etc, flowering though the state
- Railway line to Yanchep – to be surrounded by bee friendly flora.
- Discussion on project 15 with Chem Centre– meeting on how to optimise it – ensure deliverables. Publication by X

5.6; Industry News

- Capilano (wescobee) being purchased by private equity firm – holding a district meeting on the 6th of December for BK interested in finding out more information- details to follow.

Actions

General Conditions – Apiary sites - DBCA

Letter to Director General – re meeting and concern of lack of action on change of conditions

Who: MB Deadline: 30/8

Biosecurity

MB to do up letter of invite to Catherine Clift to next BICWA meeting

Who: MB Deadline: 30/8

Conference

Conference Committee to be formed

Venue to be finalised

Conference speakers- suggestions

Funding request from WAFF

Who: Everyone Deadline: 30/08

Funding

APC request for funding, confirm changes to legislation and request for meeting

Who: Tiff Deadline: 30/8

Clearing Permits

Matt Welch to continue follow up with replacement person for Anne Mathews at DER to form a new approach.

Who: Matt Deadline: 17/09/18

Funding

BF/ MB to approach WAFF re honey promotions committee funding to assist with conference

Who: MB/ BC Deadline: 20/8

CRC

Request for each project to have a BK representative from BICWA or beekeeper.

Letter to Liz to confirm

Who: MB Deadline: 30/8

Acronyms

List of acronyms of honey industry for new committee members

Who: MB Deadline: 30/8

Imported honey

BICWAs position on imported honey – letter to support for Australian producers

Who: Leilani Deadline: 30/9

CRC – project 15

Meeting to have with Chem Centre on how we can deliver the Testing and other requirements.

Who: MW

Deadline: 30/9

Training

Feedback from attendees – Survey Monkey?

Best practice – Cert 3/ 4?

Who: MB

Deadline: 30/9

BICWA – Newsletter/ Achievements

A 1 x page newsletter to be distributed by all supporting groups to members listing BICWAs achievements and plans.

Who: MB/ LL

Deadline: 30/9

Next Meeting: Monday 17th September 2018

Meeting Closed at 2.05 pm
20th August 2018