



Bee Industry Council of Western Australia

MINUTES

General meeting held at Capilano Bayswater 11.00am Monday 11th June 2018

In attendance:

Present: Tristan Campbell
Tiffane Bates
Leilani Leyland – Secretary
Michael Bellman -
Brendon Fewster -Interim Chair
Mat Welch
Wayne Ridley
Soren Houlberg

Member Body represented

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

Apologies: Nil

Meeting opened 11.15am

1 Minutes of Previous Meeting: 21st May 2018 Moved by Wayne Ridley second Soren Houlberg

Appointment of Chairperson. Discussion re who would be best for the job.

Acknowledgement that each position is for a 3 year term at minimum.

Leilani Leyland to accept Chairperson Brendon to be stand in as required ie. Vice Chairperson

Michael Bellman to take position of Secretary. Discussion re. representation of alternate and main delegate.

WAAS haven't yet advised delegate.

Brendon Fewster to Chair today's meeting in lieu of Leilani finalising Secretary minutes for today.

All agreed

2.1 BUSINESS ARISING AND ACTIONS FROM MINUTES 21st May 2018

Meeting Section 21/5 mins	ITEM	WHO	ACTION	COMPLETED
BA 2.3	DBCA Apiary General Conditions	LL	Waiting for DBCA to comment	
BA 2.6	Importation of semen	SB	LL emailed to get update on WA Position	Draft letter to line manager re. too long.
BA 2.8	Strategic Plan	All	DPIRD to provide facilitator	Waiting on DPIRD to finalise with Strategy Matrix
BA 2.12	Bee Guard	AJ	To follow up with Andrea next meeting	

3. REPORTS

- 3.1 CHAIRMAN** Nil
- 3.2 DPIRD** N/A
- 3.3 TREASURER** Balance of account \$ 6520.64 (\$3000 to return to APC)
 Leilani follow up with Bankwest to correct the email address. Send the APC letter as is, advising required for keynote speaker, if not return \$3000 to APC and, look at having to reapply for funding. Mat to send invoices to all member bodies for membership fee \$1000 per member group.
 Moved Mat Welch Soren seconded.
- 3.4 WA HONEY PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE** Nil
- 3.5 DBCA** N/A
- 3.6 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE** Well put together program, need to check video player and noise playing facilities. Breakout sessions, posters available for other topics but not necessarily presentations. Bigger venue next time. Possibly look at not charging the speakers a fee. Tiffane to ask Kingsley Dixon to talk at next year's conference.
- 3.7 TRAINING UPDATE** David Currey
 I am happy for you to report that 15 candidates have enrolled on the Cert III course, one travelling as far as Boddington for the lectures.
 The course is progressing well, with 5 of the 16 Units of competency been delivered.
 There has been a lot of interest in the course, but the price is proving to be a significant barrier to entry, as has the location of the current course.
 There are two presenters at each lecture, in order that the training is not dependent on one person.
 Another course is scheduled for August. Hopefully this will be delivered in Perth or immediate surrounds.
 The next step is to create a website so that interested parties can view this to get most of the information they are requesting.
 Soren supplied his course material but commented on the basicness of the course.
- 3.8 WAHDRG UPDATE** Nil

4 Correspondence IN / OUT**20 mins****ACTION**

21/05/18	DPIRD Andrea apologies for meeting. Varroa exercise postponed and will review DBCA conditions sent through	July meeting. AJ advised 3 rd August likely for Varroa exercise.
	FPC Timber Harvest Plans Peter Beatty	Fwd to committee 21/5/18
	Various emails re. BICWA conference registration and questions	LL answered FYI
22/05/18	Email to Geoff Defrenne re. refund bank fee and access to bicwa.com.au account.	Sent. No reply. If no reply in one month contact iinet to find out if it can be removed.
	Kerry Fewster suggested motion "that BICWA open a separate bank account to which money received for a Scholarship Apprenticeship Award to do for young people interested in becoming a beekeeper in collaboration with UWA CRC Honey bee Research."	Meeting 11/6 Discuss. GB 5.2 Emailed to committee 07/06 with agenda.
21/05/18	Email to Kelly re. Facilitator for Strategic Plan	Peter McLean details received
28/05/18	Cc Email from Liz Barbour to Kingsley Dixon re. prescribed burns	Fwd to committee 07/06
	M Bellman points to consider from Conference	FYI GB 5.1
	Colin 40 beehives how can he help industry	LL replied for more information. Told him to call John Chadwick WAAS
29/05/18	Email to Brett Heather, Citrus re. facilitator Strategic Plan	Information received.
	Email to Tristan confirming happy to accept Director position	Tristan replied. Yes
	LL various emails sourcing grants for SP. Rang Damien Hills at DPIRD	DPIRD will be facilitating coordination to implement SP
31/05/18	Simon Green re. rules exporting honey etc	Replied and cc Fang Liu CRCHBP GB 5.3

01/06/18	AMHA Paul Callender asking for letter of support	LL drafted, sent to committee and fwd to AMHA in support
5/06/18	Various discussions and emails with Damien Hills and Cherry Harrop re. funding for SP	Waiting for Cherry to finalise arrangements
	Email person with beehive in a tree stump	Referred to WAAS website
07/06/18	Email David Currey for training report update	Received, to table at 11/6 meeting
	Re-email Sonya Broughton re. WA semen importation update	Emailed
	Advised Ken Dods Julie Dinsdales details for website WAHDRG	Emailed

GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Michael Bellman email 28/05. Points to consider post conference.

Governance

- Fill the new Chairpersons position a.s.a.p.
- Appoint another Jess (Admin etc) to assist in co-ordination of the plan (will we have any surplus funds from conference?)
- Plan for possible CEO?

Communication

- Follow up feedback from conference with all attendees, (what was good etc, what we can do better next year)
- Update website/social media with pics and outcomes
- Thank all the Government attendees (especially Minister MacTeirnan)
- Media release on its success
- Promotion of WA honey overseas (link with tourism project)
- Gain support for industry against possible threats. (burning)
- Review honey month

Quality

- Fastrack industry standards with Chem centre (prior to next summer's season)
- Promote B-Qual for all BK
- Bioactivity – work with the CRC, however there is information (historical and recent) that exists that doesn't seem to be getting to the researchers, we need to co-ordinate this with all stakeholders, so that we are not re-inventing the wheel

Biosecurity

- Thank DPIRD, follow up where BICWA can assist

Website needs to be more streamlined. Mat to have a look at some pages and look at how they can be made more simplified. Eg Feature sections funded by the organisations and advertising. Add 20mins into the agenda for next meeting. Sub committee to Mat, Leilani and Julie. Photos from Julie, Geoff. Media release by each group in each newsletter. Secretary to send thank you letter to Allannah.

5.2 Kerry Fewster letter with hotspots SW resources. Brendon still to take Swan Coastal officers out to show the bush. Idea for BICWA to open bank account for Scholarships for training of employees. - LL forward emails to committee with background information. LL sent to Paul at Training Council for his input into whether BICWA can be the industry body referred to.

5.3 Simon Green. Nothing in place or requirements to export from WA.

5.4 Steritech Irridiation facility to be set up in WA. Send a letter of support that this is a necessity.

5.5 James Sheehan updated that EHB is not a concern for the Department. On the back burner until July but wanted to update that they are happy that the Bee industry is not a concern.

Next Meeting Monday 23rd July 2018 at

***Proposed Future Meetings Monday 23rd July 2018
Monday 20th August 2018***

Monday 17th September 2018

**Meeting Closed at 12.50pm
11th June 2018**