



Bee Industry Council of Western Australia

MINUTES

General meeting held at Capilano Bayswater 10.00am Monday 19th November 2018

In attendance:

Present:

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

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
WA Apiarist Society Alternate

- Visitors: 10.30am Andrea Johnston – DPIRD –, Katherine Clift Exec Director DPIRD: Biosecurity
- Stephanie Kruger – DBCA – Matt King – DBCA David Currey – Training – 11.00am,
- Damien Hill - DPIRD – 1.00pm – Strategic Plan,

Apologies: Stephen Fewster – AHBIC/ WAFF

Meeting opened at 10.00am

- 1 Minutes of Previous Meeting: 29th October 2018 – Moved MW, SH

All agreed

2.1 BUSINESS ARISING AND ACTIONS FROM MINUTES 29th October

Meeting Section	ITEM	WHO	ACTION	COMPLETED
	DBCA Apiary General Conditions	LL/ MB	Waiting for DPIRD to comment Follow up with MK on other concerns Replacement for Caz Stonier? Plans to resource accordingly	Still to complete
	Biosecurity	MB	MB to do up letter of invite to Katherine Clift to next BICWA meeting	Done
	Conference/ Conference speakers		Conference Committee to be formed Venue to be finalised Funding request from WAFF/ APC Other info addressed in minutes Suggestions to be forwarded WR suggested to contact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professor Sarieat Wongsiri MB to contact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kingsley Dixon - Giles Hardy - Others 	Ongoing

	APC request for funding, confirm changes to legislation and request for meeting Other funding options	MB/ Tiff	Funding Charter Proposal for funding Ingrid? All registered BK to be polled and agreed	Follow up
	Clearing Permits	MK	With general conditions Following up DPIRD	Not complete
	AHBIC representative in WA to change from WAFF to BICWA	All	Members to take back idea to groups, feedback for next meeting Tell all members about AHBIC newsletter	Complete
	CRC – project 15	MW	Meeting to have with Chem Centre on how we can deliver the Testing and other requirements Need to have TA test up and running for next Bee informed	Follow up
	Training	LL	Feedback from attendees – Survey Monkey? What does industry want Best practice – Cert 3/ 4? Subsidies traineeships	Complete
	BICWA – Newsletter/ Achievements	MB	A 1 x page newsletter to be distributed by all supporting groups to members listing BICWAs achievements and plans. Feedback from all	Submitted to Bee Informed to go out December issue

3. REPORTS

3.1 CHAIRMAN REPORTS

I attended the Chemcentre Trademark competition 1st November. Kim Cheeseman was the only other beekeeper present. Brendon from North Metro TAFE Design group to talk on the graphic design. Ken Dods gave an overview of the industry with input from myself and Kim.

Blaise from **Chameleon** - discussions on Protection of the brand – authentication/tracking/interacting. Use of an anti-theft solution that would be encrypted with a fingerprint totally unique for each client. Interesting concept. Splatter pattern technology that cannot be copied. Each item has its own pattern and can be read by any smartphone to prove authentication. Already being used by some packers here in WA.

Mary Turonek re. trademarks and their use. Different countries require registration of trademarks in that country, not worldwide

Ran over time and I had to leave so not sure what the final deadline times were placed on the competitors but there challenge is now to design some logos for consideration by industry

Industry Christmas get together is Sunday December 2nd 12.30 at Carilley Estate. Hope you can all come, need RSVP's.

Training meeting held 12/11 with David Currey, Liz Barbour and Food, Fibre, Timber Kay and Paul plus Neil from Y-hub, looking at ways to make the training more affordable by separating the units out rather than doing in a block. I have asked Liz to provide me with feedback from this meeting.

Vidushi is holding a workshop on 5th December at Maylands Library hoping to attract some retired commercial beekeepers as part of her CRC studies. If you haven't could you please ensure that this gets out to those that may not have access to a computer. (sent to you all 6/11).

I have bombarded Geoff Crocker with items for the Bee Informed, hopefully most go in.

- Plan Prepare Prosper workshops,
- suggested a reprint of an article in Bee Informed, "Turning your hobby into a business" by Des Canon. I'm thinking this might be good to bring him across for the Conference to present this item, what do you think? Condensed our Newsletter into 2 pages and have asked this to go in also.
- Notices for the conference and Honey Month have gone in also.
- Notice on Beehive placement

Attended CRCHBP update on all the projects presented by the PhD students 16th November . A summary of these projects was emailed out to you all 31/10.

The meeting was just to get the students to give a brief outline of where projects are at the close of the first quarter.

3.2 DPIRD

The new Biosecurity Director Katherine Clift attended, she has been in the job just over 3 months – previous role from NZ. She is keen to get more information on Bee industry and was thankful for the invite. There will be new plant biosecurity officer – new year – Sonia Broughton (currently acting).

Andrea Johnston – discussed DPIRD issues

- Small hive beetle – active ??
- Andrea – queens for local sentinel beekeepers
- Sites available for queen – for the sentinel hives
- Watching requeening for sentinel hives
- Any swarms in port need to be sent to DPIRD for analysis.
- Husbandry/ planning
- Import honey into WA – 65C for 8 hours – Commonwealth change to 60C – DPIRD will keep the WA method
- 2784 beekeepers currently
- Registration brand office – after 3 years – how do we follow up payment etc, how do we police it.
- Need to know if fines etc
- Hive numbers?
- Surveillance report to BICWA on a monthly basis. Andrea happy to attend APC BK meetings if required.

3.3 TREASURER Balance of account \$ 7064.62

-Includes \$ 800 from training and \$ 1000 membership from APC

3.4 WAHDRG UPDATE - Matt Welch

- T.B.A

3.5 RESEARCH UPDATESs - KD/ LB

CRC project meeting update held at UWA on Friday 16th November, summary report was forwarded to committee 31/10.

3.6 DBCA

Matt and Stephanie (temporary appointment) attended, details below

- General conditions
 - o Legal team with DPIRD
 - o Some changes
- Clearing permit
 - o Support letter Matt still to forward through our request to the Director General.
- Portal
 - o Development stage? Lack of staff is halting the progress.
 - o System issues
 - o IT – team: online systems – internal pressure
- Resources
 - o Replacement for Caz (**looking to have more staff to replace Caz Stonier in the long term to enable better results**)
- Fires
 - o DBCA program
 - o Katie McWilliams – Keith Lowe replacement

[Invite Katie McWilliams to our next BICWA meeting](#)

- Native Title
 - o Industry ILUA (noted that if it was a National Park or Nature reserves effected then the department would negotiate a ILUA.)
 - o Apiary management
 - o Unallocated crown land – separate
 - o Nature reserves are included
 - o Other industries affected
 - o Options
 - Do nothing
 - ILUA
 - DPC support
 - Sites not be renewed still applies.
 - o Risk of investors taking over sites
- WALGA?
- Unbranded hives in bush – illegal activity – follow up.

3.7 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Conference location: Claremont Showgrounds, Dates: - May 24th & 25th 2019

The deposit has not yet been paid. What does everyone think about looking at possibility of using Rendezvous Observation instead, this has been the venue for the Honey Degustation organised by Blaine and Tristan for past two years. Leilani to get a quote.

Leilani has had an offer from Christine from Moonburrah Stay to find out about packages available for Hotel/dinners/tours. She Has asked if we have in the budge to pay her \$300 for this service.

Leilani moves motion that we pay Christine \$ 300.00 to research packaging options for conference 2019.

Moved Leilani

Second Brendon Fewster

All in favour

Suggested speakers

- Chris Hyatt from Hyatt Honey Company is the Vice President of American Bee Association. He has accepted our invitation to present. Runs about 20.000 hives moving between California, Washington and North Dakota.
- Dr Katja Hogendoorn – planting melliferous plants
- Canadian BK – Ian Stepler Definitely
- Agronomist to talk on pesticides - Graham Laslett (Mark Rhodes suggested) Confirmed
- NZ speaker – Varroa -
- DBCA district Officers to be invited, a meet and greet (rather than present)
- CSIRO
- CIBER
- Neil Bennet – MWB – Climate change
- WA Co-op person
- Queen talking
- Bee Venom
- Royal Jelly
- Kingsley Dixon
- Forest alliance

3.8 TRAINING UPDATE David Currey

Meeting held with Liz Barbour, Neil from YBJV , David Currey and FFTI

- Some issues with regards to Cost being prohibitive to most people.
- Country travel – David would like to do the traineeship but then would need to travel to all areas to observe the trainee on sight, concerned of the cost and time involved in this.
- Cert 3 issues -year 11/12 entry level
- Room for a proper course – TAFE/ Agricultural college – this needs to be investigated.
- Concern need more trainers. WAAS losing Jackie C and David C. Plenty happy to do 101 course but not so many 102 course. David suggests this should be managed by BICWA not WAAS to alleviate the pressure.
- Need for a BICWA sub committee for Training, Soren to take back to the WAAS committee for BICWA to assist with helping with training. [Soren to take back to WAAS](#) APC meeting advised that they support BICWA being funded for training. Tiffane, Tristan, Soren & David to be the BICWA subcommittee, Will meet next Wednesday afternoon. Tiffane will touch base with Liz Barbour to find out where she is at.
- YHUB This is one of her requirements through the CRC to deliver Cert IV courses for honey bee product development Master Beekeeping proposal is more about Business Development not really beekeeper directed more to honey, labs, the end product etc. Looking at using existing retired beekeepers – who? Massive gap with regards to new entrants, knowledge base who can we open up an area for hands on application, skills but practical. Need to show the pathways available to Cert III participants. Outreach has merits. The need is there Education system is calling out for it.
- Courses are already there just need to put them together to create a Cert IV.
- Up to BICWA to create the definition of what a Master of Beekeeping looks like. Eg. Years experience, Cert IV level, Diploma etc.
- Concern that David isn't making any \$ from the training. Hasn't taken any cent for the training. BICWA expressed our concern that he is not taking a salary from this venture.
- Put an advert in the Bee Informed Have you just got your beehive and registered, head to WAAS to do a beekeeping course, run monthly see www.waas.org.au BK 102 look at paying a trainer that has a higher skills level .

3.9 NATIVE TITLE UPDATE

See DBCA report

4 Correspondence IN / OUT		20 mins
DATE	DESCRIPTION	BY WHOM
23/10/18	LB CRC – labelling of bioactive honey email discussion. Meeting proposed to discuss	LB/LL I missed the meeting
25/10/18	James – re. proposed biosecurity work diary comments on	LL
	James – DPI NSW AFB web link suggestion we do similar, James will be doing article for Bee Info	JS
26/10/18	Rosie – Shanghai BICWA paying for stand space	30/10 replied not taking part
	Andrea Agocs DBCA	LL sent John Karansinski report
	Invitation to all industry for Christmas Lunch Sunday Dec 2 nd	LL sent to all
29/10/18	Request for Clearing Permit letter for DBCA DG	LL drafted and sent 30/10
	Strat Plan congrats from Tim Bateman with some suggestions	Fwd 12/11 to committee
30/10/18	APC Tarsh – enquiry re. DPIRD Biosecurity reports given to BICWA	Replied no report attends meetings occasionally. Sent mins last attend
	APC Tarsh- requesting report for RIRDC UWA funding	LL emailed Liz and then Kate for report, rec'd and onforwarded
	APC Tarsh – confirmation of \$3,000 bank deposit returned	Forwarded to Tarsh
31/10/18	Caz DBCA – Email advising departure as at 1 st November 2018	Fwd to committee Email reply to Caz, thanking her for past support and wishing well
	LB - CRC Summary of all projects and suggest meet 16/11	Fwd to committee. LL attending
1/11/18	Confirmation to RAS Claremont Showgrounds for Conference booking	LL advised details, signed agreement and fwd invoice to MW to pay dep.
	Request signature CRC form for Phd Student to have Mark Rhodes as mentor	LL Signed
	DPIRD PPP workshops information	Fwd to Bee Informed Discussions with Nancye G re. format
2/11/18	JS DPIRD map of spread of AHB in Queensland	FYI sent
	Wanneroo Show enquiry for Bee equip/display	Fwd to WAAS
	Emails suggestions topics for conference Myles and Tim	Added to list
	Letter to WA Farmers re. change in voting member for AHBIC	Sent to Kate for WAF meeting
8/11/18	Integra Insurance re. public liability how to combine with HF ins	Info sent to Integra
	Invite to Wescobee sundowner 7 th December	Fwd
	AJ DPIRD – fwd tourism events planned for Perth	Fyi
	LB London Honey Awards – did we want to enter?	FYI
	Strategic Plan to Minister Dawson and Minister MacTiernan	MB fwd
	Amendments to BICWA website of Committee reps	JD changed and updated Strat Plan
10/11/18	LB CRCHBP Julia Grassl presentation for Science rising stars award	Fwd to all

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Strategic Plan

Damien Hill and Cherry joined the committee from DPIRD to discuss the Strategic plan, principally funding, Damien is also looking at doing Ministerial review on the industry. Cherry will be leaving the Department. Damien will advise her replacement.

FUNDING

Damien suggested that there are a groups like BICWA that obtain funding for the industry.

- Suggest looking at Vegetable WA which is funded by APC
- Convince levy payers as worth it
- Use Vegetables WA as a case study- benefits to industry
- Staffed from CEO/ COO + grants etc
- Expansion plans
- Foreign workers
- Secretary/ admin support
- Government funding- feasibility study
- Prove added value

- Selling package etc

What money will be spent on.

Do up a budget for next 12 months, fit for criteria, rank

Cost sharing with WAFF/ WABA/ GIWA

Seasonal workers

Sharing office space

Horticulture with Veges WA

Damien will talk to John and if we can send a formal Invitation to John Shannen to our 21st January meeting , prepare and attach a list of questions that we would like him to answer.

Action: BICWA to prepare a list of questions we would like John Shannen to answer for us.

5.2 Registrations

2,525 with less than 50 hives	13,729 hives
167 with more than 50 hives	31,374 hives
2,692 (slightly less than Andreas 2,784 fig)	45,103 hives

Total Beekeepers in Australia 25,053 Total hives 672,216

5.3 Supplementary feeding

- Article to be written for bee informed – BF/ TB

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5.4 Adulteration

5.5 Industry New

CAPILANO

ACCC result

AGM on restructure 15th November

WA Branch Xmas event 7th December

Actions from meeting 19th November 2018

Biosecurity

Small hive Beetle- North west - update

- **Information gathering exercise to be**
 - o **Number of BK?**
 - o **What are they doing?**
 - o **Any loss of hives.**

Who : AJ – DPIRD

Follow Up - WR

Deadline: Jan

Native Title

Suggested BICWA policy/ plan of attack to be completed and follow up with DBCA

Who: MW/ TB

Follow up

Deadline: Nov

Training

Soren to take back to the WAAS committee for BICWA to assist with helping with training. APC meeting advised that they support BICWA being funded for training.

Who: SH

Follow up with: LL

Deadline: Dec

Conference

Leilani moves motion that we pay Christine \$ 300.00 to research packaging options for conference 2019.

Funding request from WAFF

Who: LL

Follow up: BF

Deadline: December

Funding

Funding plan of attack/ Funding committee formed/ budget to be done

- **E approach – APC/ WAFF request for funding, confirm changes to legislation and request for meeting**
- **Prepare a list of questions to send to John Shannen in preparation for January meeting.**
- **Invite John to this meeting.**

Who: Tiff

Follow up : MB

Deadline: December

Clearing Permits

DBCA to draft letter, follow up with Matt King

Who: MB

Deadline: December

Prescribed Burns

Invite Keith Lowe replacement Katie McWilliams to next meeting

Who: MB

Funding

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

Who: MB/ BF

Follow up: LL

Deadline: December

Next Meeting: 21st January 2019 10am

Meeting Closed at 2.10 pm