



Bee Industry Council of Western Australia

MINUTES

General meeting held at the Bayswater Hotel 12.30pm Monday March 18th, 2019

In attendance:

Present:

	Member Body represented
Leilani Leyland – Chairperson (LL)	WA Farmers Beekeepers
Michael Bellman – Secretary (MB)	WA Farmers Beekeepers Alternate
Brendon Fewster (BF)	WA Farmer Beekeepers
Mat Welch (MW)	WA Beekeepers Assoc Alternate
Wayne Ridley (WR)	WA Beekeeper Assoc
Soren Houlberg (SH)	WA Apiarist Society
Eileen Stark (ES)	WA Apiarist Society Alternate
Tristian Campbell (TC)	APC Beekeepers
Tiffane Bates (TB)	APC Beekeepers Alternate

Observers/ Guests: Ken Dods – Chemcentre – Larissa Taylor – GIWA

DPIRD: Andrea Johnson, Christine Comer

DBAC: Matt King, Stephanie Kruger

Apologies: Liz Barbour - CRC

Meeting opened at 12.35pm

1 Minutes of Previous Meeting: 18th February 2019 – Moved BF/ MW

All agreed

2.1 BUSINESS ARISING AND ACTIONS FROM MINUTES

Actions from meeting 18th February 2019

Biosecurity

[Small hive Beetle- North west – update](#)

[Abandoned hives](#)

[Other compliance issues](#)

Who: AJ – DPIRD

Follow Up - WR

Deadline: march?

Native Title

[Awaiting Information on site holders from DBCA](#)

[Meeting with affected Beekeepers in Feb](#)

Who: MW/ TB

Follow up

Deadline: March?

Training

Follow up on Liz (CRCHBP) proposal by individual BK groups

Who: SH

Follow up with: LL

Deadline: March?

Funding

Follow up APC funding for funding for Admin/ research assistant

New proposal to be done

Who: Tiff

Follow up: MB

Deadline: March?

DBCA List

Stephanie DBCA to advise on issues as outlined in letter

Who: MB

Deadline: March?

Prescribed Burns

Injunction via WAFF

District meetings

Who: MB

Deadline: March?

3. REPORTS

3.1 CHAIRMAN REPORTS

See attached

3.2 DPIRD

Andrea Johnson/ Christine Comer - DPIRD

- Andrea's report – see attached
- New sentinel hive location - Albany up and running
- Shire of Kwinana - BK permit for 2 x hives allowed.
- There are now over 3000 BK registered in WA (sent out press release)
- New EFB plan, Incursion training
- Small Hive beetle Kununurra- none detected

Chris went through - Noncompliance- reporting sheet

- Accountability- with legislation - BK actions
- Administer Biosecurity - Ministers reply (not received yet)
- Legislation changes BAM act
- [Feedback on new form](#)

3.3 TREASURER Balance of account -17/2/ 19 - \$ 39,997.13

The balance contains conference sponsorship and attendees' ticket purchases.

3.4 WAHDRG UPDATE – Mat Welch/ Ken Dodds

Mat and Ken updated the committee on WAHDRG progress:

- The Jarrah TA test is now available using the new method developed by Kate Hammer – it will NATA certified Indicative cost \$ 170 per test
- Traceability progress in motion - Certainty in process/ system designed to comply with international standards Total quality assurance platform- as per Gworld
- Royalty payments- income stream – plans in place to assist in funding BICWA.
- Trade mark competition - winner was chosen - logo to be refined
- Industry standard – (Basically B-Qual – right through to packers/ distributors)
- Conference - Mandoon estate Chemcentre – WAHRDG dinner Sat night – Ministers will be invited.

3.5 RESEARCH UPDATESs - KD/ LB

Nothing from CRC, Chem centre see above

3.6 DBCA

Stephanie and Matthew attended and responded to BICWA letter regarding:

- o General conditions- e.t, a - April
- o Clearing permits – Will need change in Legislation – t.b.a
- o Permanent replacement for Caz – has interviewed will be announced soon
- o Site applications
- o BICWA/ BK representation on DBCA region committees
- o Burning notices
- o Web portal
- o Names to be available on portal
- o Letter to Katie/ Stefan re who is doing burning/ sub-contractors/ who monitors/ who follows up/
- o Sean de Bono
- o Regional Manager - Benson Todd/ Jason Foster
- o 10-day approval - speed up
- o Letter from DPIRD for clearing permit
- o [Next meeting – Invite Kate McWilliams/ Stefan](#)

3.7 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

See attached

- WAFF AGM to be held on Friday morning
- BICWA Saturday morning – forms went out
- WABA t.b.a

3.8 TRAINING UPDATE David Currey / Liz Barbour

- DC/ LB couldn't attend

All groups OK with planned CRCHBP and Yanchep Institute course and curriculum, LB to provide committee with details including starting date.

3.9 NATIVE TITLE UPDATE

DBCA to send contact details of business that will be affected – 24 BK – 484 sites

Information session to follow

DPAW Portal has overlay mapping Mat will do a presentation at BICWA conference to show the beekeepers how to use this application on the portal.

4 Correspondence IN / OUT

20 mins

See attached – via dropbox

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 STRATEGIC PLAN

There was no discussion on the Strategic plan

Looking at organising a Strategic plan follow up subcommittee to follow up areas that need to be addressed.

5.2 APC Funding Application

See Tiffs email

Also Approach WAAS (direct benefit to WAAS from BICWA)

OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

1/ SPECIAL GUEST: Larissa Taylor – Grains Industry (GIWA) CEO grains industry \$ 7 billion

- Formed from small groups
- 150 members - Trade/ banks/ CBH funding etc are members
- Cost sharing/ cost recovery/ Projects to earn income

- Larissa discussed – Biosecurity, compliance, DPIRD, GIWA, APC funding, CEO, BICWA opportunities industry Strategic plan - development plan - leverage, Foundation kitty to grow,

Western rock lobster council -plan follow up with CEO Matt Taylor – similar industry dynamics

Follow up Veges WA – John Shannon.

2/ PRESCRIBED BURNS IN PERTH DISTRICT – Over 60,000 Hectares -planned for autumn/ winter/ spring

PRESCRIBED BURNING CONFERENCE AT UWA IN JUNE - BICWA to have strong presence

3/ FUNDING

- APC application to be redone
- Asian market success grant?
- Clear development of message

4/ NGO to get on board to support message -Conservation/ Burning etc.

- Wilderness Society
- Conservation council
- WWF

Actions from meeting 18th March 2019

Biosecurity

Feedback from respective members on Non-Compliance report

Who: All Follow Up - LL Deadline: April?

Native Title

Affected BK to receive invite to meeting with DBCA and BICWA regarding plan of attack.

Who: MW/ TB Follow up Deadline: April?

Training

Confirmed all WA BK industry bodies support the new curriculum and are looking forward to progressing the new training.

Who: Follow up with: LL Deadline: April?

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Who: Tiff Follow up: MB Deadline: April?

DBCA List

Follow up list with Stephanie and Matt King

Submission for changes to "Forest management plans "(MB)

KD to invite Forest industry professional to next meeting

Who: MB Deadline: April?

Prescribed Burns

Submission to “Draft Fire management plan” 2019 – 2024 – From BICWA (MB)

Meeting with Kate McWilliams/ Stefan

Invite to next meeting

Who: MB Deadline: April?

Strategic plan

Formation of sub-committee - Date for follow up and planning

Follow up Western Rock Lobster CEO

Who: MB/ All Deadline: April?

NGO's

Interested partners for BICWA

Who: All Deadline: April?

WAFF

Letter to WAFF re suggestion to farmers that they plant more bee friendly trees around their properties.

Who: LL Deadline: April

Meeting Closed at 5.00pm

Next meeting 8th April