



Bee Industry Council of Western Australia

MINUTES

General meeting held at DPIRD South Perth 12.00pm Monday 19th March 2018

In attendance:

Present: Colin Fleay – Chairman
Tiffane Bates
Leilani Leyland – Secretary
Matt Welch
Wayne Ridley
Geoff Defrenne

Member Body represented

APC Beekeepers Committee
APC Beekeepers Committee Alternate
WA Farmers Beekeepers
WA Beekeepers Assoc Alternate
WA Beekeepers Assoc
Observer

Visitors:

Kerry Fewster
DPIRD James Sheehan 2pm Caz Stonier, Matthew King DBCA

Apologies:

DPIRD Andrea Johnston

Meeting opened 12.10PM

Chairman noted receipt of letter from WA Apiarists Society advising that Geoff Defrenne membership has been suspended effective March 12th 2018. Chairman declared that Geoff Defrenne can only be at the table as an Observer.

1 Minutes of Previous Meeting: 19th February 2018 Moved by Tiffane Bates second Mat Welch

2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES MEETING Monday 22nd January 2018

ITEM	ACTION	WHO	COMPLETED	
Meeting Section	ITEM	WHO	ACTION	COMPLETED
Business Arising 2.1	National Biosecurity Roundtable Report	GD	Provide Report for next meeting	Still to come
2.2	Pollination Panel	TB	Waiting on Rob Manning to confirm if interested	
2.3	General conditions for apiary conditions on crown land	ALL	Review conditions and submit to DBCA	NEXT MEETING
2.4	Competition Policy		Defer to DBCA meeting 2pm	3.4 Reports
2.5	Stakeholders DFES	CS	DFES Tim McNaught Executive Manager Office of Bushfire Management 6551 4062 0427 543 207	Complete.
2.6	Importation of semen	JS	No update BAM act not allowed to import. AHBIC meeting was discussed	
2.7	Honey Culture Test	JS	Looking at variety of tests available still to establish which fits application Geoff Defrenne offered an autoclave system to use as an alternative to irradiation	
2.8	Strategic Plan	ALL	Next meeting. Workshop our plan	Next Meeting

2.9	Emergency Response Plan for First responder beekeepers		Notice for Bee Informed (change wording to APC 'may' DFES letter	Send letter requesting that APC fund the first aid training Completed
2.10	Native title options paper	MW	Submitted Costs covered by Josh Welch Matt read through some of the native title legislation points of concern	MW to draft a letter to DBCA with questions of concern,
2.11	DBCA and vested lands		DBCA meeting	3.4 reports
2.12	Bee Guard	AJ	Follow up at April meeting	c/fwd to April
2.13	Training		On Eventbrite invitation been sent out RPL	Tiffane to follow up. Matt sent message to David for clarification

3 REPORTS

3.1 CHAIRMANS REPORT Update on meeting with Shashi Sharma for James to go up SHB eradication scope at Kununurra.

3.2 Treasurers Report Current Balance \$ 1700.00

Action: Email Ken Dods to ask for the money for Jess Invoice. LL Emailed 26/03

3.3 WA Honey Promotions Committee (previously Jarrah Honey Promotions Committee)-- Nil.

3.4 DBCA Report Confirmation that Tracy Shea will not be replaced, therefore capacity to respond has gone down. Thank you letter to Tracy for her years of service from the bee industry. Manager Jacinta Overman. Caz will be the point of contact.

Action: Portal - Debate the issue of site ID what information is necessary – just phone number????
All Next Meeting

BICWA queries: **Cancelled sites** reissue from a pool if required when burns carried out and no other sites available. Conservation and endangered species generally why they are cancelled so not to be reused. It is on the list but unknown as to when. If a site is cancelled it would be documented as to why cancelled. This will be on the portal as to reason cancelled.

Legislation for vested lands – Regulations do not allow for permit issue on certain land types that isn't managed by DBCA. Information has been sent to those beekeepers effected of the land use change and the new department to contact. (ref. Part AA CALM Regulations Land act defines the tenure)

Admin of apiary sites Policy is that the site holder must be a registered beekeeper (no need for hives) General conditions needs to be looked at. Increasing rental fee could be a consideration.

Site Utilisation Sharing of sites is already available, using the portal map aids

Wildfire fee waiver. General conditions can look at the amendment to having a fee waiver if it is a scheduled burn.

Portal development underway hoping to be finished this year.

3.5 DPIRD - James Sheehan Andrea coordinating catch boxes and surveillance hives. Bunbury has catchboxes in place. Leilani PHA/AHBIC meeting enquired how James is doing, enough direction and support? Meet once per month, funds are a bit tight though. Some reclassifications of pests and disease. Chalkbrood no longer reportable, Bumblebees weren't prohibited now are. PHA will be running the varroa simulation exercises possibly in June. Bill Trend will find the previous list of beekeeper industry reps.

EHB Dept received request to move hives from European house borer to outside of the area. 2-3yrs breeding cycle of EHB. Case by case decision. Still in discussions, when firm decisions made James will advise outcome.

Action: James will advise industry when firm decisions are made with regards to movement procedures.

BOLT Course 14 beekeepers done BOLT course so far, looking at feasibility of having a group session to complete. Possibility use laptops at DPIRD.

Letter approved from AHBIC Exec to request the preregistration of chemicals for knockdown of varroa in the event of an incursion. A letter will now be sent to APVMA and Plant Health.

3.6 Conference Committee

Keith Low will be representing DBCA for the Conference speaker. LL send letter to invite

Andrea will do a talk on National Biosecurity program, MyPest guide booth at conference - James to find out.

Sponsor try Plasdene, Cospack, Stafford Engineering, Ecrotech, Global Packaging, Ben Pan , One foods, Schutz.

Send letter to Danny Lefeuvre for conference, to do a talk on his business. Cc melanie.

Add to the advert that if no computer access then phone Leilani for paper copy. Discussion on no entry on the day – or extra fee charged for those registering on the day.

3.7 Training – David Currey . Matt sent an email to David to confirm all to go ahead and Eventbrite registrations have been sent, but to who? Didn't reply prior to end meeting.

Correspondence IN / OUT		ACTION	20 mins
22/02/18	Email Peter Fleming query re. used beekeeping equip into WA.	LL passed to Andrea Johnston	
25/02/18	Wayne Ridley – Manuka Life support	FYI	
26/02/18	Liz Barbour CRC – Honey Hackathon new date 18/20 May	FYI	
	Mat Welch – draft submission for Native title options paper	For comment	
27/02/18	Hon Dave Kelly MLA Minister Water, Fisheries, Forestry	Acknowledgment of Strategic Plan and industry direction	
	Peter Detchon – support for Native title paper	FYI	
	Liz Barbour – CRC enquiry for tshirts interest CRC logo	FYI	
28/02/18	Colin Fleay – Support for native title paper	FYI	
	Manuka Australia request to put BICWA logo on the www.manukaaustralia.org.au website for support	FYI and comment	
	Mat Welch comments on Manuka Australia	Phone discussion agreed for logo use	
01/03/18	Michael Bellman – article on profitability of logging	FYI	
05/03/18	Liz - CRC various projects for signing	FWD to Colin Fleay	
06/03/18	Following phone calls to Michael Bellman, Colin Fleay, Mat Welch , Peter Detchon and Tiffane Bates approved support to Manuka Australia to use BICWA logo	FYI	
	Paul Callander Manuka Life Thank you for support	FYI	
	Comments from Geoff Defrenne not supporting Manuka Australia	FYI	
	Paul Callander agree to talk at BICWA conference in May	Passed to Laura to follow through	
07/03/18	FFTI newsletter	FYI	
	Letter from Ravensthorpe VFB thank you reply	FYI	
8/03/18	Notes for DBCA queries for 19/3 meeting and send same to Caz and Matt at DBCA	Emailed to all	
14/03/18	Succession Planning workshops 11/12 March	FYI	
15/3/18	Pre registration of Fipronil for Varroa CF to Shashi DPIRD and Chris Sharpe	FYI	
	CRC projects for signing	FYI	

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Strategic Plan – Committee to review again, ALL Next Meeting to be all Strategic Plan

Action: Matt to convert pdf of plan and send to Leilani to edit and have ready for meeting 23rd April

5.2 Succession Planning workshops Apr 11/12 Muresk College

5.3 Agrifutures – point for future projects note that need to consider “How will the project benefit all industry.” Tiffane is on the newly formed committee, Chairperson Doug Somerville.

5.4 Screed for John Davies AHBIC Excellence Award - email Stan Taylor (nb. Confidential to all please)

Action: Email Stan Taylor for some further information LL emailed 26/3/18

5.5 Forests for Life petition presentation Wednesday 21st March.

Next Meeting Monday 23rd April 2018 at 9am. Strategic Plan and DBCA conditions for Land use. Strategic Plan and Conditions for Land. (Send to Kerry)

Following Meeting Monday 21st May 2018

Meeting Closed at 4.03 pm

Colin FLEAY

Chairman 21st May 2018

2018 Annual Bee Industry Conference Ideas

BEEKEEPING IN THE 21ST CENTURY

– Raising Awareness of a small industry with a big impact

All details to be uploaded to BICWA website. www.bicwa@iinet.net.au

If you know someone that does not have a computer please print out forms and give to them