

Kamloops Beekeepers Annual General Meeting November 19th 2019

The meeting was held at TRU Culinary Arts Cafeteria at 6:30pm with 28 in attendance.

1. **Welcome** - Second VP Lawrence Bergstrand welcomed and introduced the outgoing Executive. A letter of resignation from 1st VP Deb Eckert was read to explain his presence.
2. **Adoption of Minutes** of Sept. 17th 2019 meeting. Adopt M/Bryce Herman, S/Ed Zurawell, carried. **Adoption of Agenda**; adopt M/Bryce Herman, S/Ed Zurawell, carried.
3. **Audit** - Steven deWitt; The financial records for 2018-2019 to Nov 6th 2019 were reviewed by Directors, Oliver Taylor and Steven deWitt and found to be in order. It was noted that our fiscal year runs from Nov 1st of each year. (the last audit was Dec 1/19 to Nov 6/19 not sure when the fiscal year should be change of guard is AGM) The records will remain in the possession of the Treasurer. The Statement of Acceptance of the audit will be attached to these Minutes and reported to the BCPA Treasurer, Irene Tiampo, along with the report of this AGM. Thanks for completing the audit were given to Oliver and Steven, Thanks for compiling the financial records were given to Ed Zurawell.

Google Doc of Statement of Acceptance;

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JqyytseAPaDYT0EoPEec0bQWyDYwJ8H7joY1uhOLWdw/edit?ts=5dd36fcb>

4. **Treasurer's Report** - Ed Zurawell; The **Budget for 2020** as was approved by the Executive at Nov 17th Executive Mtg was presented and explained with discussion. Projected expenses and projected income were balanced. As 2019 was a growth year for membership and there seems to be a decline, funds were moved from savings to balance this predicted decline in membership fees.
Budget 2020 link to be included here. To be protected by password.
Adopt M/Frank Blom, S/Beverly Masurat, carried.
5. **Old Business - Club T-shirts** - Murray Willis; There are some T-shirts available at \$20. Contact Murray.
6. **Calendar 2020** - Nancy Burkholder is selling calendars \$18. Be sure to get yours and remember that they make GREAT Gifts for you beekeeping friends! Contact Nancy or Ed Perszon. **Thank you to Ed Perszon and the Calendar Committee, Brian Eden, Nancy Burkholder, Ian Farber for compiling and producing this beautiful and useful calendar!**
7. **New Business - 7a. Website** - Oliver Taylor reported that the new website is under development by Adroit Technologies. Transfer of the domain name "kamloopsbeekeepers.com" is occurring now and is delaying the completion and may take a week or so. Next registration with PayPal and email assignments can then be done, so it may be 2-4 weeks before it's up and running.
7b. Transfer of Weebly site by Adroit is under way, and Weebly can be returned to its owner and then closed.
7c. Executive Privilege - A Bylaw & Policy Statement was presented as developed by the Executive to enable fiscal activity by the 2020 Executive between General Meetings of the Branch. It is included here;

Policy Statement - Executive Privilege;

Executive Privilege shall be recognized as an exceptional capacity of the elected Table Officers of the Kamloops Branch in order to execute Branch business that may include budgetary decisions/activity and must comply within these guidelines;

- *two Elected Table Officers required to consent for use this Privilege*
- *One Signing Officer required*
- *Signatures and paper records of transactions required*
- *Must comply with budget allocation (\$750 for 2020)*
- *Activity must fall between dates of two consecutive general meetings of the Branch*

Adopt, M/Ed Zurawell, S/Bryce Herman, carried.

7. Committee Reports - 7a. Field Days - Lawrence Bergstrand reported on the 3 field days that were held in 2019 and explained that these events rely on finding hosts that can hold them. We hope to have 5 field days in 2020 and require members suggestions AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to develop these events.

7b. Education - Robert Hunter reported that over 40 educational presentations were made by members in 2019. As "education", both "about" and "for" beekeeping is the mandate of the BCHPA and therefore the Kamloops Branch, these are fundamental to our existence. Requests for visits from the public are now coming in for 2020. Two adult groups, for February and March are requesting visits. We request a \$20 donation from host groups. We provide a stipend to help cover members' costs. We budget funds for materials and educational aids. However, we require members to contribute to the outreach to our community by volunteering their knowledge and enthusiasm for beekeeping and pollinators. Please join in by contacting Robert Hunter to get involved.

8. Goodies - Thank you to providers this evening; Ed Zurawell, Jill Kennedy and Murray Willis, and to our coffee host; ???.

Thanks to Al Wylie, Marg Lomond and Beverly Masurat for volunteering to be our providers to our January meeting. A coffee host is needed and volunteer/s would be appreciated.

9. Adjournment and Break - The meeting broke for a social.

10. Fundraising - 50/50 - Joe Lomond won the draw

Raffle 1st Prize - Bee Jacket by Dancing Bee to Ken Barry

2nd Prize - Lantern and ornament to Murray Willis

3rd Prize - Gift Basket to Jill Kennedy

11. Information Session - Keith Rae North Okanagan Beekeepers - Keith came from Vernon to tell us about the IPE Interior Provincial Exhibition in Armstrong. The Honey and Beekeeping displays and demonstrations for 2019 were a great success with demos of extraction, and with honey donations and sales. **Keith thanked Joe Lomond, Murray Willis, Nancy Burkholder, and Orlando** for their donations of supers to extract. He thanked the other donors of jars of honey. He explained that considerable funds were raised through sales, and that donated honey was used to promote the Cooking With Honey event. Permanent assets have been acquired as part of the IPE Honey & Beekeeping/BCHPA displays. Thank You, Keith.

12. Elections 2020 - Frank Blom chaired the elections. Proper procedures under Robert's Rules of Order were employed. Below are the results of the Election of Officers for 2020;

President; nominations were made but all declined. The position remains vacant.

1st Vice President (2 yr Term); Bryce Herman elected

Treasurer; nominations were made but all declined. The position remains vacant.

Secretary (2 yr Term); Robert Hunter elected.

Director 1 (1 yr Term); Beverly Masurat elected.
Director 2 (3 yr Term); David Bruce elected.
BCHPA Regional Representative (2yr Term); The position remains vacant.

HATS OFF.....

Thanks to outgoing Treasurer, Ed Zurawell, for his dedication to his club and the beekeepers of Kamloops Branch!

Thanks to Ed Perszon, outgoing Director, for his ongoing dedication and efforts with the “Job Descriptions Committee” report to be presented to and considered by the new Executive, and for his work as “Calendar Chair”!

Elections Chair, Frank Blom, advised the meeting of the relevant BCHPA Bylaws concerning Election Requirements paraphrased below.

- Required officers are president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary.
- A minimum of 3 Table Officers are required to maintain Branch status.
- An elected Officer may hold more than one office.
- An office may be shared among the elected Officers.
- Failure to meet these conditions will require the BCHPA to intervene to fill these positions.
- Appointments may be made to fill these required positions.
- Failure to meet these requirements will cause the BCHPA to close the Kamloops Branch at the October 2020 AGM (the 100th Anniversary of the BCHPA), and absorb its assets.

The table below summarizes the positions and terms of all elected positions;

- President: 1 yr remaining in 2018-2020 term, VACANT
- First Vice President: 2 yr term, 2019-2021 term. Elected Bryce Herman
- Second Vice President: 2 yr term, 2018-2020 term. Incumbent Lawrence Bergstrand
- Treasurer: 1 yr remaining of 2 yr term, 2018-2020 term, Vacant
- Secretary: 2 term 2019-2021 term. Elected Robert Hunter
- Director One: 1 yr term, 2019-2020 term. Elected Beverly Masurat
- Director Two: 1 yr remaining of 3 yr term, 2018-2021 term. Elected David Bruce
- Director Three: 2 yr term 2018-2020 term. Incumbent Steven deWitt
- Director Four: 2 yr term 2018-2020 term. Incumbent Oliver Taylor
- BCHPA Regional Representative Thompson-Nicola Region: 2 yr term, 2019-2021 term VACANT (This position is under the authority of the BCHPA and is given as a recommendation to the Central Executive to adopt.)

12. Meeting adjourned.

The newly elected members of the 2020 Executive met briefly to discuss directions and actions needed. The MInutes of **Exec 2020 Meeting-1** will be distributed in a separate document.