

Kamloops Beekeepers: BCHA, Kamloops Branch

General Meeting Minutes: 17 February 2026

Present: 25 people

Call to Order: 6:32 pm

Approve Agenda: M Rob, S Gary, passed

President's Comments: Our last meeting was our AGM, and we elected a new board of directors. Introduction and want to thank them for volunteering their time.

NEW BOARD:

President Dan Lockwood

Vice President Ed Pearson

Secretary Trisha Watkinson

Treasurer Klaus Voss

Directors Duane Robinson, Dallas England, Margaret Jones, Joanne Nicklas

One of the items discussed at our recent board meeting is our club and it's membership. Our club is a branch of the BCHA however all beekeepers are welcome to attend whether a BCHA member or not. There are three membership options:

1. Join BC HPA \$60, get BCHA benefits and be able to vote at meeting
2. Join Kamloops Beekeepers Club for \$20, not part of BCHA or with voting rights
3. Attend meetings or field days for free as a visitor

For this year we have a number of projects prioritized that we will be reviewing to execute on: revising the website, hosting field day/s, attending bee focused events ie: seedy Saturday, Beekeeping calendar for 2027, presenting for education requests (schools, clubs), meetings and educational topics, picnic/BBQ.

We will be posting all events on the website and will be communicating via email – if you leave your email on the sign in sheet we will add you to the email list.

We have some good things that the club is planning to host this year!

General Discussion:

> BCHA is not hosting the semi-annual meeting in the same format as they previously have

> Education for new beekeepers is available through:

1. BCHA TTP program (<https://www.ttp-bcha.ca/>)
2. Murray hosts a course (<https://www.beesplus.ca/>)
3. Paul hosts a free online course (4 sessions on Saturdays) starting **28 FEBRUARY 2026**. To register email Paul.vanWestendorp@gov.bc.ca with Bee course registration in the subject, and your full name and email address in the body of the email to get added to the course contact list
4. Tech transfer mite program (<https://ttp-bcha-learn.ca/login/index.php>) discount code is INTRO50 for 50% off the cost of this program.

> KBC meetings will be monthly until May, then will reconvene in the fall

Education session: Gary presents on mites, testing and treatments

Additional information links: Mite testing https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/agriculture-and-seafood/animal-and-crops/animal-production/bee-assets/api_fs222.pdf

General link to all factsheets: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/animals-and-crops/animal-production/bees/beekeeping-bulletins>

Adjourn: 8:12pm