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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I had a lot of fun at the NW Corner Beekeeping conference at Hood River Oregon. I learned a lot and really appreciated the excellent array of speakers. While at the conference, John Gibeau presented a wonderful volunteer activity taking commercial beekeeping practices to third world countries. You'll find more information toward the back of this newsletter. If you have the time and inclination I encourage you to contact John.

A big thank you to everyone for their support of the state scholarship programs. During the benefit auction, you were all very generous.

It was a pleasure hosting the conference with Oregon. Everyone pitched in, helping where needed, and everyone had a fun time.

WSU will have a June **Field Day** in 2011. This is always a special treat when the research staff shares beekeeping information that you can take home and use.

I invite Washington beekeepers to consider membership in the Master Beekeeper Committee. We are looking for Journeyman beekeepers or those planning to continue their education and certification to join. You'll find the Master Beekeeper Committee has an inviting atmosphere with everyone helping to make educating beekeepers easy. Please invite any of your local members as we are in need of people interested in supporting the education of beekeepers at all levels. Contact Louis Matej or me if you are interested.

Paul Lundy



The NW Corner conference dinner was a lot of fun. Here is Dr Ramesh Sagili, from OSU, enjoying the moment.

REGIONAL EVENTS TO INTEREST YOU

Bee Events

December 2010

Idaho Honey Industry Association
Annual Conference
1 - 3 December, 2010
Boise Red Lion Downtowner

February 2011

Executive Board Meeting
Washington State Beekeepers Association
Saturday, February 19, 2011
9AM to 10AM committee meetings
10AM to 2PM Board meeting
Bar 14 Restaurant
Ellensburg, WA

April 2011

Apiary Registration WSDA

Washington State Department of Agriculture Beekeeper/Broker Registrations are due

June 2011

WSU Field Day

We'll keep you posted when we know more. We'll talk details at the February Board meeting in Ellensburg, so join us then!

October 2011

Washington State Annual Conference

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EXECUTIVE BOARD & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**October 28 & 29, 2010 Executive Board and General Membership Meeting Minutes**

Jody Lynn Pilarski, Secretary

The Executive Board and General Membership meetings took place at the Best Western Inn in Hood River, Oregon.

Secretary's Note: The Executive and General Membership meeting minutes have been combined into one document. The agenda items for both meetings cover the same topics. Therefore, in the effort to avoid redundancy, all pertinent information has been combined.

The Executive Board meeting was called to order at 4:48 p.m. on Thursday evening by Jerry Tate, WSBA President. The General Membership meeting was called to order at 5:00pm on Friday evening By Jerry Tate, WSBA President.

Reports

1. Secretary's Report: A Motion was made to accept the Secretary's reports as will be submitted in the news letter.
Motion/Second/Approved
2. Treasurer report: A Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's reports as submitted. All are asked to please review the Treasurer Report handouts. Arlene Massey and Lisa Knox conducted the annual audit of the books and found all to be in good order.
Motion/Second/Approved
3. Membership – There is \$200.00 more taken in dues for 2010 compared to 2009. Please see the Treasurer's handout for specifics. There have been a couple of new associations starting up and groups in general are doing a better job of paying WSBA dues. However, we still need to encourage local groups to join.

Area Representatives

All area reports were tabled.

Old Business

1. Master Beekeepers Committee - There is currently \$11,555.70 in the bank account. Louis reported he had books with him at the conference and that if people wanted to take them with he had plenty. Additional updated historical data was shared regarding certificates awarded. For the 2009 yearly totals: 278 apprenticeship certificates were granted and 4 journeymen certificates awarded resulting in a 32% increase over 2008. For the 2010 classes: 318 apprenticeship certificates were granted and 12 journeymen certificates awarded.

It appears there is continued interest in becoming beekeepers from the community due to CCD and general environmental concerns. MBC met with the Oregon group and are involved in a joint grant writing effort. The potential grant total is \$100,000 over a two year period. The hope is to use the grant monies for teaching and field days. The grant packet is due for submission on November 1, 2010.

The committee again expressed their goal of getting more people interested in becoming Journeymen and Master Beekeepers. The concern is perhaps the Journeyman and Master level process is not interactive enough for people to stick with it to completion. The Master level curriculum has been streamlined to make it more attainable. The committee members feel good about the system and instructional guidelines to help people feel more confident in attaining this goal. The coming discussions for the MBC members are to come up with ways to keep people engaged in the program. There was also some discussion about marketing the classes and reaching out to order likeminded groups such as the Master Gardeners.

2. Hopguard - The Section 18 Hopguard request is still in process. The EPA is being pressed to approve the request. The process does seem to take some time however there is a lot of political support for approving this product
3. Australian Packages – There is good news about this issue. The legal action to stop the importation of Australian bees has been successful. The formal regulation needs to be published in the Federal Register. Good job to all who worked on this concern.

New Business

1. The Master Beekeepers Committee requested approval for up to \$3000.00 for the printing of course books for the coming year.
Motion/Second/Approved
2. The Scholarship Requests – The request packets were reviewed. Three requests were received. Two were from WSU students Natalie Boyle and Brandon Hopkins. Natalie's request involves measuring colony health in response to sub lethal pesticide exposure in a field setting (\$1,500.00). Brandon's request is for Artificial insemination methods (\$2,000.00). A third funding request came from the Skagit Valley Beekeepers Association. This is the first Association grant request WSBA has

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received. Their request is for educational purposes by expanding the club apiary, beginning to raise queens and funding field days. (\$1,000.00)

Motion/Second/Approved

3. Conference - Discussions are taking place with the Oregon Beekeepers Association regarding the 2011 convention. Final dates and potential speakers conflicting with the California conference continues to be a stumbling block for a joint convention. After much discussion, the Pierce County Beekeepers Association will bring a proposal to their membership to host the 2011 convention.

Other Business

1. WSE field day in June next year. Jerry will follow up with Dr. Sheppard/ WSU.
2. The Executive Board meeting dates for 2011 will be February 19 –location to be announced and June 18th – location to be at the WSU field day.

General Membership Addendum

Election of officers

A slate of officers was presented to the general membership for a vote.

- President Paul Lundy
- Vice president Eric Olson
- Secretary Jim Bach
- Treasurer Paul Hosticka

Motion/Second/Approved

The Executive Committee Members for 2011:

- Area 1a David Neel
- Area 1b Corky Luster
- Area 2 Robert Smith
- Area 3 – U.V. Brian Johnson
- Areas 3 b – L.V. Arlene Massey
- Area 4 Dave Sabold
- Area 5 Matt Hutchens
- Area 6 Bob Arnold

Members at Large for 2011:

- Eastern Washington Ted Swenson
- Central Washington Paul Hostika
- Western Washington Ron Babcock

Motion/Second/Approved

Newsletter

Jerry Tate has volunteered to take over the responsibility of the WSBA news letter.

The Executive Board Meeting (10/28/10) was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

The General Membership Meeting (10/29/10) was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

**BILL MARKUS FROM SKAGIT VALLEY BEEKEEPERS
2010 BEEKEEPER OF THE YEAR!**



AMERICAN HONEY QUEEN AT THE NW CORNER CONFERENCE



It was an Honor to have Lisa Schluttenhofer visit us at the conference.

Lisa is the 20-year-old daughter of Mike and Roberta Schluttenhofer of Thorntown, Indiana. She is a sophomore at Purdue University, where she is studying Agriculture Communication. Lisa is involved in the College of Agriculture Dean's Scholars Program, Purdue Chapter of Heifer International and activities at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

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MASTER BEEKEEPER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

WSBA Master Beekeeper Education/Certification Committee Meeting Minutes---November 29, 2010
Joint WA/OR Beekeepers Conference; Hood River, OR

Members present: Paul Lundy, Robert Smith, Louis Matej, Jody Pilarski, Corky Luster, Jo Miller

Members absent: Bob Combs, Van Sherod, Jim Pefley, Ted Swenson, Jim Bach

New Members/Instructors present: David Neel, Scott Jenrick, Brian Johnson

Guest: Carolyn Breece (Oregon St. Master Beekeeper Committee)

The meeting was held after the WSBA full membership meeting.
The minutes from the June 2010 were accepted

Items Discussed:

1. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Bob Smith reported that we have \$11, 555.70 in the Master Beekeeper Program account (\$9,155.02 in February, \$10,707.70 in June 2010)
2. Secretary's Report
 - a. Louis reported on the certification statistics.
 - i. Total number of Certified Beekeepers in WA/OR/ID: 1,563
 - ii. Total Certified Apprentices: 1493 (318 new in 2010, 278 new in 2009)
 - iii. Total Certified Journeyman: 64 (12 new in 2010, 4 new in 2009)
 - iv. Total Certified Masters: 6 (1 new as of June 2010)
 - v. Louis reported that 1/3 of all certified beekeepers in the state have been certified in the past 2 years and the numbers have increased every year.
 - vi. We still had around 300 apprentice books but they will be gone by the end of the conference.
3. The Committee authorized Louis to purchase 500 more apprentice books and 100 journeyman books. We have about 10 Master books; these can be printed by the secretary or any instructor.
4. New officers
 - a. Paul told everyone that he was stepping down as chairman of the committee and Louis was accepted as chairman. (Paul was elected President of the WSBA)
 - b. David Neel accepted responsibilities of secretary.
 - i. Louis informed everyone that he would still certify beekeepers and issue certificates for all the instructors who send in progress forms. He will also distribute bee patches for those who want them.
 - ii. David Neel will be taking over the minutes of the meetings.
 - iii. David Neel will also be assuming the responsibility of distributing books for all bee instructors in the state. However, Louis will still be doing this until David is given time to transition and to find a printer.....this transition will probably take place in February. You can still get books from Louis until further notice.

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- c. Bob Smith will continue as Treasurer.
 - i. The committee voted to transfer the MB account to the WSBA account with the stipulation that all the incoming and outgoing funds from the MB program be recorded separately. There will be a transition period before this takes place, probably February 2011. Continue to send MB funds to Bob until further notice.
- 5. Joint WA/OR/ID Education/Certification Program
 - a. Paul said that the Oregon MB Program is starting. Carolyn Breece was present to give us a report.
 - i. The Oregon MB Program is attempting to procure a grant from OSU for the purpose of promoting the MB Programs in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.
 - ii. Carolyn told us that the Oregon MB program is just getting organized and they are still working on the Apprentice level while acquiring new instructors across Oregon.
 - iii. Our members continue to offer any help to them to get their program going.
 - iv. It was not discussed whether WA or ID would be included in possibly procuring any funds from the grant, this is something we will discuss at our next meeting.
 - v. We recommend someone from our committee to be a member of their committee and someone from their committee to become a member of ours.
- 6. Online Certification----Van and Barbara Sherod
 - a. Van and Barbara will continue to handle the online testing and coordination of Apprentices throughout 2011. They will be moving to Montana in 2012. We will have time to appoint a new person(s) to take over the online testing and coordination of beekeepers who do not have a local bee association near them. Louis will continue to handle anyone working online for the Journeyman level. (Note: Remember online testing and certification is limited only to those who do not have a local association within a reasonable distance or who cannot attend local classes.) The committee as a whole will work with anyone working toward the Master level.
- 7. The Journeyman and Master Level Certification
 - a. Louis said there are so many new certified Apprentices in the state that the committee and instructors throughout the state need to step up promotion for the higher levels. We only have 64 Journeymen and 6 Masters in the state and we need to promote and support more beekeepers attempting and completing these levels. We are asking instructors to speak with their students and encourage them to continue toward the Journeyman and Master levels.
 - b. The Master Syllabus is available for distribution to any Journeyman wishing to pursue that level. Louis will send all instructors a file to print. All funds (\$10 per book) from this should go to the MB account as the other books.
- 8. Ongoing identification and communication with WSBA instructors
 - a. The committee wants to keep track of all beekeeping instructors. There are new associations springing up in the state and new instructors wishing to teach. The committee needs to send the guidelines and instructions to all current and new instructors and to communicate any changes that are made by the committee.
 - b. Louis said he would keep a list of current and new instructors and inform them of any instructions from the committee. If any instructor has problems or needs help, please refer them to Louis.
- 9. Paul invited beekeepers to consider membership in the MB committee. We are looking for Journeyman beekeepers or those planning to continue their education and certification to join the Master Beekeeper Committee. Please invite any of your local members as we are in need of more members to continue supporting the education of beekeepers at all levels.
- 10. The meeting was adjourned.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 2010

June 19, 2010 Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Jody Lynn Pilarski, Secretary

The meeting location was at the Bar 14 Restaurant in Ellensburg, Washington.
The meeting was called to order at 10:36 a.m. by Jerry Tate, WSBA President.

Reports

1. Secretary's Report: A Motion was made to accept the Secretary's report submitted in the news letter.
Motion/Second/Approved
2. Treasurer report: – A Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted in the news letter.
Motion/Second/Approved
3. Membership - will be submitted with the Treasurer report.

Area Representatives

Area #2 - Robert Smith - Bob is working with Lewis County regarding joining WSBA. He gave them 6 reasons why it benefits the local group to join. He is still unsure if they will indeed join up. The Olympia group ordered 325 packages this past spring for members. The Club has a lot of new people and the membership has almost doubled. The cold and rainy weather has greatly impacted the season. Most beekeepers are reporting a 50% loss. Everything is behind but the maple honey is great. There are 39 people in the apprenticeship class. Bob is conducting outreach to a local church to teach the apprenticeship course. Twenty-three people signed up and 13 are still in the group.

Area # 3UV- Jim Bach – Jim mentioned there is hobbyist information on the WEB with the Puget Sound beekeepers link to newsletter. There is a film titled "Queen of the Sun" it is a documentary on global bee losses. Jim is trying to get a copy of the film. The Central Washington Beekeepers Association has re-formed in the Yakima valley. There are 34 members all of which are beginners with less than 5 years of experience. Two field days are scheduled that will include a question and answer forum. Jim reported his colonies were bringing in honey very well and if the weather breaks he anticipates increased flow. Mites were down with treatment in the fall. Jim was estimating a 3-5 % mite infestation.

Eric Olsen- Commercial bees have been really fantastic this season. Eric said he was running out of everything. His use of MegaBee candy boards are working well. It has been a great pollination season. Weather in Washington has been poor but

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pollen everywhere else great. Eric has made the decision not to take his bees to fireweed this fall. He feels it is not worth it. All of the bees he took to fireweed last year died.

Eastern Washington - Ted Swenson/Area #6 – Robert Arnold - It has been a mild winter only snowed once. Starvation is the cause of the main loss in bees for their area. The bees broke their cluster in winter ran out of food. Ted reported his first treatment and feeding was 20,000 pounds of sugar. Rain is a big problem washing away pollen and damaging the bloom/nectar. Bees are continuing to starve because the honey flow hasn't started as of yet.

Area #5 – Paul Hostika - Dayton area/Pullman/ Spokane area -Reporting a great veggie flow. Their area had dry weather with good clear honey and strong bees. However, they are still feeding because some colonies are building up slowly. The apprenticeship class is trying a new approach. They are conducting a 10 week course beginning in January and concluding in March. They are also conducting a full 8 hour training day on a Saturday one month prior to package delivery. The full day class is hands on and then they receive their bees and go home to install. Paul said they have a variety of equipment set ups so the students can get a good idea about the options available. They will schedule one more 8 hour training class going over fall treatment options. So far they have 100 students (102). They had to cut off the class at 100. There are big concerns with lack of bees and community people are responding wanting to improve bees in general and to be good stewards. The hobbyists really are helping commercial bees in Spokane County. As many beekeepers have mentioned, there are land management issues we need to pay attention to and deal with locally.

Area # 5- Matthew Hutchens– Reporting a lot of losses and a lot of dead outs. New member's packages were late with mixed results. Beekeepers are hoping for the best as the season goes on. This is the worst spring weather anyone can remember after the best winter anyone can remember. So far all bees needed to be fed. Most people are feeding pollen patties and honey from last year. The association currently has 56 members and experiencing a great deal of community support. The Mount Baker association conducted a queen rearing class with great success.

Pierce County - Louis –Pierce County reported about the same conditions as the majority of the state. The area had the same poor weather - rain and cold. Louis reported swarms all over the place. It seemed like the bees were swarming like crazy every time there was a break in the weather – they just had to get out and fly.

Western Washington Area #1– Reported big losses in commercial beekeeping. Rain -rain –rain. Beekeepers noticed an increase in caulk brood and European foulbrood. Like everyone else, they are hoping for the season to improve.

WSU Kristen and Brandon – WSU also experienced poor over wintering with big losses. So far it has been a very hard season for them. They setup for the queen rearing program but felt like a day late and dollar short. The Queen mothers seemed to be just sitting still and had a hard time getting going. Another project is researching equipment and how it could potentially affect the colony. They continue to research Mite loads, hygiene and brood areas. They started out with packages and thought everything was looking good. Then an outbreak of European foulbrood occurred. There was a big increase in EF halfway thru the rainy time. The colonies cleaned up everything on their own. Please be aware about it especially during wet cycles. The students also reported the season seems to be running about 4 weeks behind.

Old Business

1. Master Beekeepers Committee - The November minutes were sent out. There is currently \$10,707.70 in the bank account. All of the teachers are getting ready to order books. Louis reported books are available at this time. Some historical data was shared regarding certificates awarded. For the 2009 yearly totals: 180 apprenticeship certificates were granted and 9 journeymen certificates awarded resulting in a 32% increase over 2008. The total number of awards to date is: 1,400 apprentice certificates, 64 journeyman certificates and 6 master beekeeper certificates. MBC will be meeting with the Oregon group to discuss a joint program. The Master syllabus is finished. The committee is trying to get more people interested in becoming Master Beekeepers. The curriculum has been streamlined to make it more attainable. The committee members feel good about the system and instructional guidelines to help people feel more confident in attaining this goal. There seems to be a problem with non affiliated groups teaching the apprenticeship course without using the book/tests. Groups are sending Louis all of the tests in one batch with all tests with 100% scores. Apparently, in Spokane County, you must be certified at the apprentice level before you can keep bees. There seems to be some rouge organizations making sure student pass so they are in compliance with the ordinance. Apparently these organizations also refuse WSBA affiliation. Community people are thinking they are affiliated with WSBA but in fact are not. All agreed in order to become certified the organizations/persons teaching the course work must use the WSBA book. Handouts were provided regarding the guidelines for the Master Beekeeping syllabus.

Motion/Second/Approved

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 2010**New Business**

1. New organizations need to go thru a process of nonprofit registration with the state. Paul and Jerry are working on a handout about "How to become and affiliated organization" with instructions. It is a simple process with a step reference document posted on the web site. Groups need to connect with the Secretary of State for the starting point on registration.
2. Eric - There is a Section 18 withdrawal of Hivistan . Currently no one in the state is using it. There is a new product Hopguard. There was a handout passed around for review. The maker is testing the product with Eric in Yakima. Approval was requested to replace the current Section18 with Hopguard. The EPA is not willing to sec 18 more than one chemical treatment for the same pest. According to Eric from what he has seen it is tremendously effective. At first they couldn't figure out how to use in the hive. The fall experiment with cardboard strips dried out to quickly however the field tests worked out well and effectively. The treatments were showing 80% mite drop. These are hopeful results at less than \$1.00 per strip. It is a beta acid and there is some smell but not bad. It is unknown how it affects tracheal mites. Hopguard could also have an effect on nosema. As a reminder, treatments should not to be used during honey flows. Beekeepers still need to use gloves because it is a sticky mess. A motion was made to to submit application for Hopguard. Mann Lake will handle it.

Motion/Second/Approved

3. Quick strip Section 3 formic acid is much gentler on bees. More information is showing Hivastan killing bees and that it is difficult to use without killing bees .
4. The USDA is working with Eric. Every two weeks a team is in the hives incredible detail in research occurring. Eric feels this is good information which should be shared at the convention. The USDA researchers are looking at almonds, insect growth, fungicide levels, and bacteria levels in honey stomachs. There is an indication that feeding antibiotics for nosema lowers the bacteria levels in the honey stomach.

Other Business

1. Conference - a conference draft schedule was handed out for review. It is a research themed convention with a lot of great speakers. The convention committee members believe them doing a better job of coordinating expenses and travel costs for speakers. Everyone is looking forward to a great convention. The convention committee is still working out costs.
2. WSE Field day next year. A lot of requests. Will follow-up.
3. Jim Bach still is working on honey standards. Link to Washington standards was sent to Washington state agriculture staff for review. The usual process is to have a review, a public hearing and then move into an ordinance. Jim does not want it to go that route because it will end up in the Washington state legislative process. Jim wants to get approval thru the USDA route and have a national standard. He will email the executive board with the information.
4. Local clubs- please keep website up to date for contact information. This is very helpful to WSBA.
5. Please be informed that there are state WACs we need to be in compliance with regarding additives to honey. When labeling honey it has to be pure honey. If there are any flavorings added/changes it moves into the Department of Health regulations. It becomes a blended product. Beekeepers can only sell pure 100% honey under the department of agriculture standards.
6. Australian bee packages – no new update. Still working on stopping imports. They believe they have identified the big problem area with the western part of Australia.
7. WSE Bee lab report – Everything is slow right now. The WSU students' encouraged sampling bee right now. With this spring the way it has turned out they would like to see what is happening with your bees. Nosema is worry some. WSU will submit requests for grants to be awarded at the conference.
8. Fair Foundation – Puyallup Fair will be developing a 53 ft semi-truck to take to schools as a traveling educational display. This display will be Interactive. Everyone is hoping to encourage a new generation of beekeepers. The project will start with \$2,000 for a 5 year period.
9. Louis wanted to remind/inform everyone he has a power point presentation for the apprentice series. For anyone who wants a copy please contact Louis.
10. All positions will be open for election at the conference/ annual membership meeting. Please consider and encourage members to participate at this state level opportunity.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

BEE WORLD PROJECT

Bee World Project: Introducing Commercial Beekeeping to Third World Countries

If you are a warm and passionate person with commercial beekeeping experience, willing to travel the world, this job is for you. You will stay in a remote village for three months, acquire bees and bee equipment from within the region, and teach 'western' style beekeeping to five families and a local person who you will train as the beekeeper coordinator. You will also set up an extracting and bottling facility which includes a honey dehydrator and a wax processing unit.

We want this project to benefit more than one person in the village and we want to ensure longevity by encouraging independent entrepreneurship. In time, if any of the beekeepers show talent and enthusiasm; our project would consider micro-loans to enable the farmer(s) to buy additional colonies and/or their own processing equipment.

We have selected Pursat, Cambodia as the first site for our beekeeping project because the Non-Governmental Organization, Hope International, already has an established presence there. Pursat town has a population of about 20,000 people. It is situated in the province of Pursat with a population of 500,000. The country of Cambodia has a population of 14 million. To look at some of the other work that Hope International has done in Cambodia and other parts of the world, please visit www.hope-international.com.

The project budget is \$20,000 per village, which will be used to purchase livestock and equipment and to cover your travel and living expenses for three trips. You will return six months after your first visit for ten days and then again six months later for another ten days. Funding for each project will come from either Hope International or Rotary International.

The Bee World Project was started by John Gibeau, commercial beekeeper from Surrey, B.C. and Stan Silverman, philanthropist from Langley, B.C. Stan is a hobby beekeeper with six colonies and he travels the world as a clown, often with his friend Patch Adams, visiting sick children in hospitals.

Other countries currently under consideration by the Bee World Project are Ecuador, Nicaragua, and Guyana. If you are interested in applying, please forward a resume and cover letter to John Gibeau at Gibeau@HoneybeeCentre.com.

FEBRUARY 19, 2010

The next

WSBA Executive Board Meeting

will be held at the:

Bar 14 Ranch House Restaurant 1800
South Canyon Road, Ellensburg, WA
Phone: 509-962-6222

9 AM to 2PM Everyone is welcome.
Committees meet from 9 AM to 10 AM.

Directions from Seattle via I-90:

At exit 109, turn RIGHT onto Ramp towards Canyon Road / Ellensburg. At the intersection of the ramp and Canyon Rd, turn RIGHT (North) onto Canyon Rd, go under the overpass and the restaurant is on the right.

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