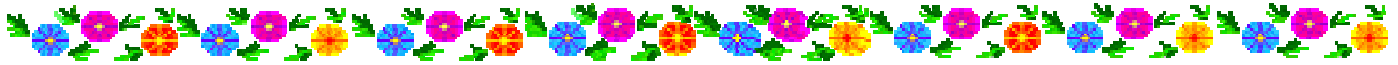


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President's Message

The field days have been established for this summer and now we need to work on the agenda for each one. June 10 will be at WSU and July 15 will be at Puyallup. We are planning on WSU being a fairly high level scientific day and a hobbyist/beginners day at Puyallup.

Eric said at the meeting that it would not be long before we have the small hive beetle. What a shame. We haven't figured out the last pest given to us by Florida. We have made it through the current cold spell and I bet all the bees will start building up. Time to watch the honey stores very carefully. Pollen supplement sure won't hurt. I was in Seattle Tuesday and at Everett things were blooming and noticed Pussy Willow blooming here in Spokane today.

There were many lively discussions at the board meeting. Definitely not a timid group, especially when it comes to their bees. There are several major items on our agenda for the year. Reconstituting the Apiary Advisory Committee is a major goal being lead by Eric Olson. This will allow use of the registration fees. The second issue is getting more WSU queens out to beekeepers and WSU has done some things to make that happen. IEBA is going to start a bee yard with all WSU Queens for the association and members to use. They will start a new yard with new equipment. We are hoping to start a WSU bee yard in Area 1 area at the new WSU research center at Mount Vernon. Work still to do on this one. WSU has taken on Doug Johnson, who many of use know as a very good beekeeper, as the Bee Lab Technician. Doug welcome aboard.

Much of the meeting was spent working with Mt Baker

Washington State Updates

Program Calendar for the Association.

FIELD DAYS & CONVENTION 2006:
JUNE 10 Pullman Field Day @ WSU
JULY 15 Puyallup Field Day
OCTOBER 12 to 14 State Convention
Best Western Lakeway Inn
Bellingham, WA

MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL:

It's a new year and time for membership renewal. In this newsletter, you will find the 2006 application for membership and renewal form. It's also on the web site! If you can't remember if you have already paid your dues for 2006, Call or email the Treasurer, Lisa Knox at: 360-297-6743, treasurer@wasba.org

Beekeepers on the convention and they are off to a very good start. Paul Spinelli and his wife attended our meeting and filled us in on what is going on. Much more info will be forthcoming on the convention in the coming months. They are in full swing on gathering speakers. Bellingham sure is a nice location for the convention.

If you haven't ordered your packages and queens you better hurry and the price of queens is really high this year. I wonder if the price of pollination in California goes down next year the price of packages and queens will go down. Want to take any bets?

Jerry Tate

Mite Control Update

The following are the most recent updates for miticide approvals for Washington State.

Apiguard (25% thymol gel formulation), EPA Reg. No. 79671-1, is registered for distribution in Washington.

EPA has issued a Section 18 (file symbol 06-WA-05) for the use of Bayer's **CheckMite+ Bee Hive Pest Control Strips**. Use under this exemption expires 2/1/07.

For previously announced approvals, please visit the Washington Department of Agriculture's web site at: <http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/Pesticides/docs/StatusMiteControlProds.pdf>

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