

Organic Honey, Continued

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about it at a conference she recently attended in Louisville, Ky. A professor at Penn State is working on some proposed guidelines for the USDA to consider. "Organic standards would be nice," Spivak said, "but my concern is that they would follow those set for other industries. Bees are unique in so many ways."

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Executive Board Meeting, continued

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Jill Mueller and Pete Spinelli from Mt. Baker Beekeepers Association gave an update on the **2006 fall conference in Bel-lingham**. It will be at the Best Western Lakeway Inn in Bel-lingham, Oct 12-14. Mt. Baker Beekeepers Association are developing a website and that should be available in March. A motion was passed for Lisa Knox and Jerry Tate to approve a minimum of \$200 for the project when requested.

Field Days - Dr. Sheppard will determine the dates for Pullman in June. The dates for Puyallup will be determined by the Field Days committee. For Puyallup, July 22nd was a date mentioned and second choice the 15th but it will be determined later. What areas of discussion and support do we want from WSU? A motion was passed for Bob Arnold, Ted Swenson, Jerry Tate, and Steve Sheppard to work up something and present it to the rest. The association will be looking for volunteers in the IEBA association for the Pullman Field Day. They will also be looking for help with the Puyallup Field Day.

Many members want to work on an agenda with Steve Sheppard for WSU. We need to share information. President Tate suggests writing down what beekeepers do and how they did it. What is needed to be done? This will help determine research goals for WSU to continue.

Dr. Sheppard will give 2 or 3 queens of each genetic line to WSBA by WSU for bee yards that are set up.

A motion was passed to have the 2007 convention at Sun Mountain Lodge in Winthrop. Miriam Bishop is looking for Mid October. \$1000.00 was requested for a deposit. A motion was passed to give \$1000 for a deposit at Sun Mountain. Eric Olson and Jerry Tate will continue to work on the reconstitution of the Apiary Board. They will help with the Department of Agriculture to reconstitute and review to can lay down ground rules to utilize the money already collected. It was proposed for John Timmons, Eric Olson and Jim Bach to address the WSDA committee.

Dr. Steve Sheppard announced some changes at WSU. Doug Johnson is coming on as the beekeeper. Ben Horwath, a grad student working on his masters proposal. Ben is using WSU stock in commercial settings. The meeting was adjourned.

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