

**Brighton Bee Club General Member Meeting**  
February 8, 2023 – 6:30 PM via Zoom Teleconference & In person  
Adams County Fairgrounds Administration Building  
9755 Henderson Road, Brighton, CO 80601

**MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by President Dave Swanson. Board members Shari King, Shanna Massier, Becki McConnell, and Dan McConnell and Gary Mullins were present in person. Dominique McKee was present via teleconference.

25 members were present either in person or via teleconference.

**OFFICERS REPORTS**

Approval of Minutes

Becki McConnell made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2023 membership meeting as submitted. Jim Schultz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Treasurer's Report

There was no treasurer's report provided.

**NEW BUSINESS**

2023 Beekeeping 101 Presentation

Dan Rau provided an outline of the beekeeping 101 class. He is still waiting for confirmation of the dates and times before he starts to solicit participation. Charge for the class is \$40.00 for BBC members and \$50.00 for non-members with proceeding going to Beekeepers Den.

Mentor/Mentee Program

Shari King presented the mentor/mentee program for 2023. She stated that anyone interested in participating should register on the BBC website, [www.brightonbee.club](http://www.brightonbee.club).

Zoom Teleconference Meeting Participation

At the January 31, 2023 board members discussed the level of participation via zoom versus the time and energy commitment to set up, manage, tear down and store the equipment for each meeting. Club members present offered input for both keeping the zoom option available for both members and presentations as well as discontinuing use, which would support in person participation for meetings.

Dan Rau made a motion to continue use of the zoom technology subject to the availability of the equipment and management. Alex Duran seconded. Motion carried with four members opposed. The board of directors will review this matter in September 2023.

Meeting Question and Answer Period

Alex Duran raised the question as to whether Q&A could be added to the agenda. Dan Rau made a motion to approve this request. Stan Jones seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

2023 Bee Package Update

Dan Rau stated that 88 packages have been sold to date. He discussed the possibility that California weather could limit the availability of packages this spring and encouraged members to purchase as early as possible. Order forms are available on the club website at [www.brightonbees.club](http://www.brightonbees.club). Dan Rau also noted that Nucs are not available through the BBC but can be purchased from Beekeepers Den.

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### **2023 Membership Drive**

Becki McConnell and Dominique McKee provided a report regarding 2023 membership. We have 55 paid members to date and another electronic reminder will be sent out shortly to encourage additional members. As necessary Becki and Dominique will also be calling 2022 members with reminders.

### **2023 Speakers/Presentations**

Members provided suggestions for future speakers presentations.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM so that members present could participate in presentations made by both Stan Jones and Gillian York.

### **2023 Calendar**

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| 3/8/2023  | General BBC Meeting: Are you ready for the 2023 bee season?<br>Presenter's: Terry Dorsey & Stan Jones        |
| 4/12/2023 | General BBC Meeting: New Bee package installation<br>Presenter: Dan Rau                                      |
| 4/29/2023 | Bee Package Delivery   |
| 5/10/2023 | General BBC Meeting: natural landscape ideas to encourage bees and pollination<br>Presenter: Dominique McKee |

### **Volunteers/Committees**

Our club is only as successful as its participation and we are going to strive in 2023 to encourage members to get involved. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the following throughout the year:

- i. Website and Technology
- ii. Communication and Newsletter
- iii. Event Participation
- iv. Nomination Committee
- v. 2024 Membership Committee
- vi. 2024 Audit Committee