

Cowichan Beekeepers
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April 21st 2021 General Meeting Agenda

Location: Meeting on Zoom. (Click on the link below to join the meeting)
<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/4831679400?pwd=a0RYTnQ4bXNVUDdKeW1lWk5saWV1dz09>
Dates: 3rd Wed. of each month This month = (April 21st)
Times: 6:30 – 6:55 pm Beekeeping techniques Q&A (Mostly for beginners)
6:55 pm Please start logging into zoom prior to 7 pm for Guest Speaker Gerry Rozema.
7:00 pm **Agenda**
7:02 pm **Brief update: Bee BC Grant timeline** – (Project Leader: Ian Low)

1. **Hired Web design company – Candu Web design**
2. **Equipment purchased so far:** funded directly from the Bee BC grant and will be used for the grant objectives.

1 dissection kit, 10 pair M/L dish gloves (20 total), wireless digital Microscope(50X-1000X), 40 bee jackets (light use), Full Range of 29 colour Bee marking pens, 10X macro phone camera lens 75mm for clip on mobile phone lens, Digital Binocular Microscope with 3MP Camera (shipping is delayed), Digital WiFi Microscope Camera - MOTICAM X3, Dual View Corded LED Microscope - S02-0104C, Dual Mag. Stereo Microscope (1X&3X) - S02-0202B, Dual Mag. Stereo Microscope (2X&4X) - 453TBL-10-LED.

** Most equipment will arrive by the start of May

3. **Drone studies – Who is interested? Picking up and painting drones starting May**
- we would like to colour drones to measure travel between hives within an apiary but measure the social nature of drones between apiaries specific to our area. Interested? Please email:
pcowichanbeekeepers@gmail.com or phone 250 709-1661

4. **Microscopic world – What you can't see, or almost can't see is important to your bee's health.**

Next Month: May 19th Cowichan Beekeeper Guest speaker:

Guest Speaker: *Wendi Gilson* microscope training for understanding about Nosema and general bee health

5. **Bee pictures for the Newsletter and the website (email: cowichanbeekeepers@gmail.com)**

* The purpose of the microscopes and the cameras is to take pictures and to share pictures so that members of our community understand more about bee health issues that are small.

Please consider contributing however you can. Approval for publishing is the decision of the executive and in some cases subject to the Bee BC grant guidelines.

Bee Health Target areas Topics:

- A. **Topic – Backyard beekeeping:** How to be a good neighbour, for backyard beekeepers and their neighbours.
- B. **Topic – Landowners & Bees:** What I can do to help native pollinators and honeybees make my land flourish, for prospective bee buyers, landowners, farmers and gardeners.
- C. **Topic—Bees and the Microscopic World (Mites and Nosema):** The almost “invisible” health challenges facing bees for prospective bee buyers, and science enthusiasts about the insect world (Integrated pest management and treatment options).
- D. **Topic—Bee Buyers and Bee Sellers:**
- E. **Topic—Insects, invasive insects, and domesticated bees in my backyard:** Identifying bees, wasps and insects in my backyard in full colour photo.
- F. **Topic— “What I need to do when I want to buy, sell, or move equipment.”**

** Photographers, testimonials, ideas and writing for the website NEEDED! Use of purchased Bee BC project equipment will be tied to the mentorship program, and school aged students.

7:15pm Guest Speaker: Making Splits – Gerry Rozema

- Active member of BCPA and former CowichanBeekeeper Society member.

8:00 pm Finish of presentation (approximate)

Get involved: (what to bring—all optional): (First meeting of year/season)

- **Bring yourself: First 2 meetings, no membership required. Come and check us out!**
 - * single memberships are \$20 and \$32 for family memberships
- **Your wonder:** Learn about Environment/Bees/Plants?
Beekeeping, what you might be getting yourself into? Pluses and Minuses.
- **Your Pictures:** What went wrong? What I wonder? What I want to know? (trouble shoot/help/explain).

Mentorship Program – Contact Marie (vpcowichanbeekeepers@gmail.com)

- Larry Lindolh advisor to the mentors
- Mentees asked to take the Introduction to Beekeeping course available for free
- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/animals-and-crops/animal-production/bees/bee-courses>
- This mentor program is for “If a beginner has a problem” – this is local contact
- Hands on experience
- Use the tool this way or...

Other: -- contact Carol (cowichanbeekeepers@gmail.com)

- Budget/Finances and minutes are located on our website in the membership portal
- The city of Duncan is trying to be nominated as bee city.
- QMS and CVOLC (old Duncan Elementary(Public school: Cowichan Valley open learning)—worked with the green community making gardens for the bees. Carol Newington is looking after QMS beehive.