

Cowichan Beekeepers

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August 18th 2021 General Meeting Agenda (3rd Wednesday)

Location: Meeting at “The Hub” community centre in Cowichan Station
2375 Koksilah Rd, Duncan, BC V9L 6M5

Drive South of Duncan to 2nd signal light past Golf Course hill. Turn right on Koksilah Rd, and the community hall is about 1.5 km down the road to the West. The community center has parking, and the meeting is in the gym only several steps from the parking lot.

Zoom will be available, for those who are interested during the education sessions. We have not spent money on microphones to this point so quality will be “tolerable” however, we are considering the future offering with zoom and the potential importance of this remote service given the potential of the COVID variants.

Times: **6:30 (open) --9 pm**

Agenda

6:45 Greetings and Introductions

6:50 Learning Session 1: Q&A – Make my Hive Thrive and Winter alive

- August and fall hive health, nectar dearth, wasp invasions and mite issues.
- Concerns and information about wasps and Asian Giant Hornet.
- Cowichan Beekeeper’s role with the Apiculture Branch of the Ministry of Agriculture.

7:20 Bee Health grant update (Website update and educational initiatives.)

- Drone painting/tracking May 22nd and subsequent findings (general)
- Professional development with teachers
- Children visits to bee yard
- Working with uVic with samples taken and sent -- learning about the microscopic world including some challenges and realities for insects.
- working with city of Duncan (Bee city) and North Cowichan (information pamphlet (PDF))

7:30 Social and break

7:50 Learning Session 2: Cowichan Exhibition – How to enter / prepare honey for exhibit.

- a. How do I enter?
- b. What do I need to do?
- c. Enter and Learn how to present honey/ wax or mead.
- d. Volunteers needed to supervise the Honey Booth. 3 hour sessions. Contact Ian Low to sign up for times.

Future dates:

September 15th General Meeting @ Hub

September 18th & 19th

October 20th General Meeting @ Hub

TBAnovember 17th Potluck @ Hub

January 19th

- Bee Health and Preparing hives for winter.
- Cowichan Exhibition. Need volunteers to supervise the booth and speak to the public.
- people to enter the
- Nosema and successful wintering
- Elections / future directions
- (no club honey contest – contest is Sept. COWEX)
- Socializing with beekeeping community
 - Making connections and learning
 - Potential Move to Weekend or on this weekday?
 - First meeting of 2022 year

5. AOB

8:30 Close of meeting and Clean up