

Prescott Bee Club Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2025

The meeting was held at the home of member Karen Freund at 1960 W Rd 4 N, Chino Valley

The meeting was called to order by Club President Braidy Boen at 11:14 am. Club Treasurer Barbara Peterson presented the new member name tags, created by Juliana Garske and Barb, for all members on the roster to use at the monthly Bee Club meetings. Braidy made introductions and greeted members.

Braidy then discussed winterization of hives and led a discussion of fall mite treatments to keep varroa mite numbers down over the winter. Braidy discussed the oxalic acid method of treatment, done in three consecutive weeks to correlate with drone hatching times. Member Dirk Sheffer discussed using the essential oils of oregano, tea tree and peppermint as preventative treatment for mites. The Club determined to schedule a hive winterization demonstration at the October meeting.

Barb discussed a request from Prescott College for The Club to participate in their Fall Festival to be held October 4. Braidy and Dirk offered to join Barb at the Festival to for a display of bee keeping information, along with the observation hive.

Barb also discussed the Arizona Honey Bee Festival to be held November 8, from 9-3. The Club's participation in this Festival with a booth is in lieu of our November meeting. A sign-up sheet for Club member participation will be available at the October meeting.

Braidy thanked and commending Dave Alfonse for leading The Club's successful participation in The Highland Center summer program. Dave gave a summary of the summer participation, in which 362 children participated. Other volunteer opportunities for Club members were also discussed, including the Prescott Christmas Parade, to be held December 6. The theme this year is "Stars and Stripes and Christmas Lights."

Club Secretary Kathy Kooreny discussed the Texas A&M Beekeeping Master Beekeeper program, in which both she and Dirk Sheffer are enrolled at the entry, apprentice level. This is an excellent course for learning both introductory and advanced beekeeping skills.

More information and a link will be distributed to members via e-mail following the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned after 12:00 pm for a potluck lunch and discussions among members.

Members Present: Attendance was 28 members and visitors

Officers present: Braidy Boen, Barbara Peterson and Kathy Kooreny