

BCHPA Environment - Green Initiative Task Force Report

Spring 2021

Our advisory committee formed in 2019 to help inform the association about making environmentally sound decisions on behalf of our members. Things like promotional materials, green printing choices, conference swag and how food and beverage services at meetings can be made available with minimal waste. We also understand that there is interest in putting forward recommendations for sustainable practices in the apiary.

As proponents for the stewardship of bees and pollinator habitat it seems only natural for beekeepers to incorporate these kinds of planet-friendly practices.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, our committee hasn't met in person to work further on this initiative. And while much has been put on hold conference wise, it is time for us move forward on a few fronts that are actionable:

- 1) We request that the BCHPA Executive formally ask the Canadian Honey Council to please stop sending their quarterly Hivelights magazine in a single-use plastic sleeve. A petition to this effect was starting at our last in-person AGM in Prince George. With 51 signatures already secured, it is clear that the majority of members support this request.
- 2) Committee member Heather Sosnowski who is also the BCHPA Editor of BeesCene is seeking quotes and recommendations for sustainable paper stock and non-toxic ink for the publishing our quarterly journal. She will share these resources with the Executive so that they can obtain environmentally sustainable printing quotes for future association publications.
- 3) The BCHPA Environment – Green Initiative Task Force (need to shorten this to something a little more snappy!) will start a regular feature in the BeesCene journal effective immediately that encourages Best Management Practices as they pertain to environmentally friendly beekeeping operations.

Our committee welcomes new members and ideas. Please contact Diane at beehappyhoney@dunawayranch.com Environment/Green Initiative Task Force Chair

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