

# **Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association**

Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2018

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association was called to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 by President Dale Hill.

Several members and guests were present and each introduced themselves before the meeting got underway.

Debi gave the treasurer's report. At the end of January we had an ending balance of \$2,568.30. We had a total income of dues in the amount of \$188.00 and income from class registrations of \$840.00. We paid membership dues to the ISBA in the amount of \$350.00 & we reimbursed Guy & Dale for the expenses for the classes we held which was a total of \$212.26 (\$73.09 & \$139.17 respectively). This resulted in a new ending balance of \$3,034.04. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved as read.

Members in attendance were reminded to see Debi Love concerning their membership dues.

We had an excellent turnout for the beginning beekeepers class held last Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>! A total of 36 or 39

people from 24 different families came and learned about bees & beekeeping and became members of our club!

It was proposed that we hang flyers up at Farm & Home to let people know about our meetings.

We will be ordering bee packages from Albert Hilty or Dadant as a group for \$105 each. Payment is due when you pick up your bee packages. Dale prefers Albert since he has had 0 cancellation with Albert. **Update from Dale regarding the arrival of bees ordered from Albert Hilty: tentative date is March 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> in Hannibal for the bees.**

Bernie gave an Inspectors report saying that small hive beetles are a plenty in the Springfield area. Options for treatment are oil traps, Swiffer sheets, tray of oil in bottom of hive. Feed, feed, feed.

It was suggested that you also register for Driftwatch if you haven't already.

Gardening for honeybees sources by Dale.

Booklet of Bee Diseases can be purchased at Dadant for \$15.00 (Guide to Honeybees)

[scientificbeekeeping.com](http://scientificbeekeeping.com) by Randy Oliver.

The Missouri State Beekeepers Association is having their spring meeting in Warrensburg, MO this coming Friday & Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>

ISBA will be hosting their summer meeting June 9, 2018 in Edwardsville, IL. Many speakers will be on hand to talk on different topics and best practices. Not sure yet on what the cost will be but will be let everyone know as soon as that information is available.

Debi brought to the attention of the club our Equipment Loan Policy and that 2 young ladies may be interested in this program. No action was taken after the discussion.

A reminder that we are a Not For Profit organization and we need to limit our assets.

Lifetime membership status: What is the criteria? Check our by laws. (20 years)

Lisa Madigan letter was read.

Dale gave a slide presentation on things we don't want to see in our hives. Bernie gave a presentation on installing bees in a hive.

Blake will have a presentation for us next month. Stan will also give a presentation/talk about his hives and the many ways to keep bees.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM by President Dale Hill. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 PM on March 27,

2018, in Quincy, IL in the basement of the Adams County Farm Bureau Building.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacy Nelson

MVBA Secretary

If anyone is wanting to purchase woodenware from Blake, please contact as soon as possible to place an order at (573) 228-2448

The Bees will “Bee” here soon.



