

MINUTES

Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association

Tuesday, July 31, 2018 7:00 PM | Meeting called to order by President Dale Hill

In Attendance

Welcome fellow beekeepers and guests. We had 32 members & guests present. It was also a pleasure to have 2 special guests. Our treasurer Debi Love had 2 of her granddaughters with her visiting from Thailand!

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the June meeting by secretary Stacy Nelson and approved with a small revision made about the t-shirts. We get a discounted rate for all the t-shirts ordered but do have to have a minimum quantity in order to receive that rate. Minutes were approved with the revision.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was given by treasurer Debi Love. We had a beginning balance of \$2,441.27. We had an income of dues received in the amount of \$64.00 and we paid dues to the ISBA in the amount of \$60.00. This resulted in an ending balance of \$2,445.27. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

There was a question brought up about our dues asking that if you pay your dues in July are they then due again at the beginning of the year? The answer to that is Yes. Our dues go through a calendar year (from January 1st – December 31st) not for a year's time from when you pay your dues. If there are any questions about this, please see Debi.

Inspector's Apiary Report

Bernie has been doing inspections up north at this time. If you would like to have him come inspect your hives, please give him a call. From the inspections he's done, he reported that small hive beetles are beginning to show up in hives. You can use beetle traps or unscented Swiffer sheets to help keep the numbers low. Dale also suggested that there's still time to switch to screened bottom boards.

There have been reports every week of European Foul Brood in the southern part of the state & down around the St. Louis area. There was an outfit that was selling infected Nucs which is partly due to the increase of EFB this year. Possibly, the hot & dry weather we've had may have dried up some of it.

The packages of bees this year seem to be doing good with honey production although the overwintered colonies haven't done anything in the form of honey.

Old Business

Illinois State Beekeepers Association Summer Meeting wasn't well attended. They had around 40 or so people attend. The weather wasn't very cooperative.

The Heartland Apicultural Meeting was referred to as a refresher course although it was a very good one. It was attended by Bernie, Guy, & Dale. The Thursday morning speaker they had was very good with outstanding research. Although Jerry Hays is no longer at Monsanto, he did get Dale involved in the honey

judging. Dale talked on some of the things judges look for. One example was a plastic lid vs a metal lid. Another example he gave was painting the jar black, which then became strictly a taste test. Very interesting!

The Illinois State Fair is August 9th-19th and we hope to have a good turnout. Our club will man the ice cream sales on Sunday, August 12th which is a free day for Veterans. We still need members to volunteer to help staff the ice cream sales at the Illinois Building that day so if you're able to help, please let us know. Also wear your Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association T-shirts. You will have to pay admission at the gate to get into the fair.

T-shirts—we started a list of those interested in purchasing club T-shirts, ballcaps, or hoodies. The prices for the T-shirts are Small-1X is \$12, 2X is \$14, 3X is \$15, and 4X is \$16 and are available in colors White, Forrest Green, or Yellow. Ballcaps are a one size fits all and will be \$10 & are available in colors Forrest Green, Brown, Khaki, Yellow Gold or White. Ballcaps will have the lettering but not the graphic but will be an embroidery instead. An interest was also made for Hoodies. Hoodies will be \$25 for sizes Small-1X, \$27 for 2X, \$28 for 3X, and \$29 for 4X and are available in colors Dark Chocolate, Yellow Gold, Sand, Forrest Green or White. Please let Stacy know as soon as possible which item, size, color and quantity that you are ordering so that we can get them ordered and money collected.

Illinois State Beekeepers Association Fall Meeting

The fall meeting of the ISBA will be held Saturday, November 10, 2018. Some of the speakers will be Dewey Caron, Tina Sebastian, Tim May, Stu Jacobsen (IQI). More information will be available at a later time.

Missouri State Beekeepers Association Fall Meeting

The fall meeting of the MSBA will be held Friday & Saturday, October 19-20, 2018 at Truman State University in Kirksville, MO. Speakers for this meeting will include Dr. Jillian Rangel, Jerry Hayes, and Judy Wu-Smart.

New Business

County Fairs: Collin had entries in the Lewis County Fair and received a Blue Ribbon for his jar of honey and a Blue Ribbon on his hive box. Stan had entries in the Adams County Fair and received a Blue Ribbon on his frame of honey & jar of Amber honey, a Red Ribbon on his jar of Light Amber honey, and a White Ribbon on a jar of Light Amber Honey. Guy had entries in the Adams County Fair as well and received a Blue Ribbon on his jar of Light Amber honey & his jar of Dark honey and a Red Ribbon on his jar of Medium Amber honey. Good job to everyone who had fair entries!

Bernie's 15th and Final Open House will be held on Sunday, August 26, 2018 from 1 pm – 4 pm. This is a lot of fun and you should try to attend if you can. We'll be sad to see it end.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, August 28, 2018 from 5 PM – 8 PM at Bob Mays Park in Quincy, IL. This will be our annual picnic with chicken being provided. Please let Stacy know by August 21st if you will be attending and how many so that she can let Dale know how much chicken to order.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:35 PM and was unanimously approved by all members present.