

The Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association met September 26, 2017 with 24 present. President Dale Hill opened the meeting at 7:05 pm. President Dale Hill asked if everyone was receiving the minutes in their email. Treasurer Debi Love gave the treasure's report. The August ending balance was \$1903.80 which included the ISBA raffle refund of \$465 and the expenses paid for picnic of \$86.36 to President Dale Hill. No further income or expenses this month so the balance remains at \$1903.80

President Dale Hill opened discussion by asking if there are any questions about honey harvesting and mite treatments, and also mentioned that Tina included in the minutes the "Honey Bee Collation" booklet available to download about varroa management. President Dale Hill stated he had one club extractor and asked who had the other one. Debi stated that Tina had reported last month that they had one if anyone needed it.

President Dale Hill welcomed the visitors that Jerry Brinkman had brought with him.

President Dale Hill reminded all to keep a close check on hives for pollen and honey stores now. He said we should be feeding syrup since nectar supply is very limited. He cautioned that we should be keeping a close watch for hive beetles that can destroy a hive within 2-3 weeks. Same with wax moths and that both attack weak hives. Varroa treatment should be started as soon as supers are off. Ray Nelson and Stan Brinkman both shared treatments that they are using to help combat the hive beetles. President Dale Hill shared that he uses Apiguard in the spring and Apivar in the fall to manage the varroa mite. He cautioned to be mindful of the temperature when using Apiguard. Bernie cautioned to read and follow instructions to prevent loss of queens.

President Dale Hill asked for old business, and none was stated.

President Dale Hill asked Bernie Andrew for his apiary inspector's report. Bernie stated that he had been extremely busy inspecting hives that hadn't been inspected in years. He cautioned to keep watch for hives low on pollen and to supplement to prevent the cannibalism of brood.

President Dale Hill reminded Guy Spoonmore that he was in charge of the new beekeepers class which he has already scheduled with the Farm Bureau for

Jan 27, 2018 and Feb 24, 2018. President Hill will be unavailable for planning from Jan 18, 2018 to Feb 2, 2018.

President Dale Hill appointed Bernie Andrew and Paul Woodworth to help Guy Spoonmore on the nominating committee. No report was given. Election of officers will take place at October meeting, and new officers will take over on January 1, 2018.

President Dale Hill asked if it would be acceptable for everyone if we held the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner/silent auction at the November 28 meeting and everyone was agreeable. There will be no meeting in December.

Bernie stated that the Missouri Beekeepers Association will be holding their fall meeting from Oct 26-28 at Springfield Mo. Cost \$80.00 The Illinois State Beekeepers Association will be holding their fall meeting on Nov 11 at Springfield IL. Cost \$40.00

After a short break, President Dale Hill gave a program on supplemental feeding of honey bees which he will be presenting at the Missouri Botanical Gardens over the weekend. He also talked about Bernie's crabby patty recipe and gave recipes for sugar boards. He closed his presentation with a list of publications with further information on supplemental feeding of honey bees.

American Bee Journal

- May 2017 – general overview
- June 2017 – pollens and protein
- July 2017 – nectars and carbohydrates
- August 2017 – lipids (fats)
- Oct 2017 – supplemental feeding
- Nov 2017 – plants for honey production

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Debi Love in Tina's absence.