

The Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association met October 31, 2017. President Dale Hill opened the meeting at 7:05 pm. President Dale Hill asked if everyone was getting the minutes in their email. Treasurer Debi Love gave the treasurer's report. The September ending balance was \$1903.80. Income of \$32 for dues and \$66 for t-shirts and dues brought the balance to \$2001.80. A check was wrote to ISBA for \$30.00 for dues, resulting in an ending balance of \$1,971.80 Treasurer's report was approved as given. President Dale Hill stated that the dues are due and payable now for next year, and can also be paid at the November banquet.

Discussion was held about getting hives the hives ready for winter. Dale reminded everyone to check hives for honey stores, and reminding to use dry sugar, and winter patties and stop using syrup, keeping a close watch for hive beetle population.

President Dale Hill asked Bernie Andrews for the Apiary Inspection Report. Bernie stated that he hadn't noticed any major problems lately. He gave some updates from the Missouri State meeting that he attended last weekend.

President Dale Hill reminded everyone of the new beekeepers classes to be held on Jan 27, 2018 and Feb 24, 2018. Guy gave an update on what to anticipate and asked for volunteers. Debra Love volunteered to help with registration. President Dale Hill will be gone Jan 18- Feb 2. President Dale Hill said he would check to see how many books we had left over from earlier this year.

President Dale Hill reminded everyone of the November banquet to be held on November 28, 2017 at 6:30 pm. Please bring a covered dish and your own tableware, along with any items for the silent auction.

Debi Love asked for any volunteers to help get the website updated with more information like it was before we lost our internet provider. It was discussed that maybe we should get a business or possibly a college student to help get it updated. Debi volunteered to make calls and possibly get a quote before next meeting.

President Dale Hill asked Guy Spoonmore for the nomination committee report. Guy stated that we have always done it very informal, and that's how we are doing it again. Debi Love nominated President Dale Hill to remain as president

again. Guy stated that he had talked with President Dale and he agreed that he could do it one more term. Guy Spoonmore nominated Brian Schenck for Vice President. Brian accepted the position. Guy Spoonmore asked Treasurer Debi Love if she would remain on for another term as the treasurer. Debi asked if there were any others who would like to give it a shot, and if not she would accept. James Reese then nominated Debi Love for treasurer, and she accepted.

Debi reported that Tina McClelland would not be able to fulfill another term as secretary, and Guy asked for any nominations from the floor. Debi Love nominated Stacy Nelson, and she accepted the position.

President Dale Hill asked that we take a break for 10 minutes while he got his presentation ready.

President Dale Hill gave a great presentation on preparing bees for winter. He stated that the bees need at least 60-70 pounds of honey for winter survival, and suggested to supplement if stores were less than that. He showed some interesting pictures taken with his infra-red camera showing the location of the cluster earlier that morning when it was 30 degrees outside. He stated that colonies need at least 3-4 frames of pollen for spring. He suggested a mixture of 10% protein and 90% sugar in crabby patties.

President Dale Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Minutes taken by Suzi Dunnaway.

Typed and submitted to Tina by Debi Love.