

Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association was called to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 in Quincy, IL by Vice President Brian Schenck.

A total of 28 members and guest made a total of 29 in attendance

Debi Love gave the treasurer's report. We had a beginning balance of \$2,009.80. The silent auction we had in November brought in \$279.50. We also had income of \$128 in member dues paid. Debi sent a check to the ISBA for \$80 for dues. This resulted in an ending balance of \$2,337.30. Motion was made to approve as read and seconded which was then unanimously approved as read.

Stacy Nelson read the minutes from the last meeting held in November of last year. We didn't have a meeting in December due to the holidays. Motion was made to approve the minutes as read and seconded which was then unanimously approved as read.

Old Business

Bernie had updated information on the Missouri Beekeepers Association Fall Meeting. As it turns out, it will not be held in Hannibal, MO this year but instead will be held in Kirksville, MO sometime in October. Bernie will update the club when new information is available.

Debi received approval from Dale via email to change the current bank account from First Banker's Trust to Homebank. Due to the urgency of the matter, the club still decided to vote as a show of support for the change. A motion was made to approve the change & was seconded and unanimously passed. This move will hopefully eliminate the spam e-mails Debi has been receiving and with the dedicated email being set up, none of the officer's personal email information will be associated with the account.

New Business

Debi asked permission to purchase a book to help her with the website. The cost would be \$26. Guy made a motion for the club to purchase the book in the amount of \$26 which would belong to the club. Guy then stated that the book would be on loan to the person managing the website to assist them with anything they may encounter maintaining the website. Motion was made to approve and seconded which was then approved unanimously.

The first of the new beekeepers classes was held on Saturday, January 27, 2018. We had a total of 15 participants join us for the new class which ran from 8:30AM - 4:30PM. A number of door prizes were donated so the participants went home with something in hand along with a wealth of information to begin beekeeping. However, it was brought to our attention that we don't have many items left over for there to be door prizes offered to participants at our 2nd class in February. Bernie & Stanley made a motion for the club to donate \$100 of our funds to purchase additional door prizes for the February class. Motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Bees will be available for purchase again this year to members wanting to order nucs and packages. Guy believes the price to be somewhere between \$120 - \$135. Austin mentioned that he has gotten his packages the last few years from Wisconsin & has been pleased with what he's gotten for a bit of a cheaper price at around \$105. Bernie mentioned when purchasing your bee packages, make sure to have your bees inspected if buying from Illinois and to have a permit if moving from county to county or if moving across state lines.

For anyone that belongs to Drift Watch or Field Watch it's time to renew.

Blake mentioned to the group that he is building & selling Langstroth hives to anyone wanting to purchase. He's keeping them in line with Dadant's pricing without having to pay sales tax or having to make the trip to Hamilton, IL to pick them up since he's willing to deliver around the Quincy area. Let Blake know if you're interested.

Members took turns talking about what they're seeing in their hives when we have a warm day or two to check on the stores of their bees and what they're finding in & around their hives during these cold spells we've had. Lots of good information and ideas were shared. Guy also brought in a complete Langstroth hive and gave a presentation on how he has his set up and answered any questions.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM by Vice President Brian Schenck. The next meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 in Quincy, IL.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by: Stacy Nelson, Secretary