

Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association

Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2018

I. Call to order

President Dale Hill called to order the regular meeting of the Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at the Adams County Farm Bureau Building in Quincy, IL.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Treasurer Debi Love read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

III. Approval of treasurer's report

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

IV. Old Business

- a) Apiary registration/inspectors report from Bernie: Moving bees from one county to another

If you move a colony of bees, nucs, cutouts, or swarm you should get an application for a permit to move those bees. If you move a colony, the colony needs to be inspected first before you get a permit to move them. Did a few inspections in Pike County over the last couple of weeks. The Department of Ag. Apiary Inspectors in conjunction with University of Illinois will begin a new initiative beginning in June. If you have at least 4 established colonies of bees (preferably 8) the apiary inspectors will do a free in-depth inspection of your hives for varroa mites. These will be done the 2nd week of the month. Experienced beekeepers are encouraged to participate in this study. After this spring the inspectors are seeing lots of European Foulbrood

- b) MSBA Fall Conference is October 19th-20th at Truman State University in Kirksville, MO. More information will be coming in the following weeks ahead.

- c) ISBA Summer Meeting is June 9th in Edwardsville, IL. The cost is \$35 per person for ISBA member or spouse (lunch included); \$25 per person for ISBA member or spouse (NO lunch); \$45 per person for Non-ISBA member (lunch included); Walk-in registration is \$35 per person for ISBA member and spouse (lunch on your own); Walk-in registration is \$45 per person for Non-ISBA member (lunch on your own).
- d) Heartland Apicultural Society Meeting is in St. Louis, MO July 11th-13th

V. New business

- a) Upcoming County Fairs: Adams County Fair is July 25th-31st in Mendon, IL, Lewis County Fair is July 11th-14th in Lewistown, MO, Marion County Fair is July 28th -August 4th in Palmyra, MO, Brown County Fair is July 31st-August 5th in Mt. Sterling, IL, McDonough County Fair is July 9th-13th In Macomb, IL
- b) Upcoming State Fairs: Illinois State Fair is August 9th-19th in Springfield, IL with the first Sunday (August 12th) free for veterans. Missouri State Fair is August 9th -19th in Sedalia, MO. Please note that you can enter honey as long as it was harvested in the state that you're entering and harvested since the last fair.
- c) MVBA picnic will be held on August 28th at Bob Mays Park in Quincy, IL. Note the time is earlier as we have it reserved for 5pm-8pm. This is a family event so please bring your families. If you are planning on attending the picnic, please let us know in advance how many will be attending so that we can have an accurate head count since the club will provide the chicken.
- d) It was brought to our attention that some of our new members are interested in purchasing T-shirts. You can do this on your own as our design is on file at Expressions by Christine but it is usually cheaper if we order as a group. Another suggestion was also made that some others may also be interested in ball caps. Please let us know if you would be interested in ordering either of these items or even both if we can get enough interest in ordering.
- e) Stan brought some frames to show that actually had mites in them. It was quite interesting to see some areas that wouldn't have any, then if you moved over just a bit you had 5 or so in 1 cell. Mike brought his bee

vacuum system to show. Due to running late on time, Dale's presentation on Midwest Plants for Honey Bees will be shown at our next meeting

- f) One of our members, Victoria Taylor, would be interested in any extra wax debris that you don't want. You can contact her at victoriaatgreenacres@gmail.com or call (217) 440-8697
- g) For anyone that needs the prescription for VFD's, please contact our member veterinarian Andrew Perrine at (573) 248-6567

VI. Adjournment

President Dale Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the basement of the Adams County Farm Bureau Building.

Minutes submitted by: Stacy Nelson

MVBA Secretary