

# MINUTES

## Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association

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September 25, 2018 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* President Dale Hill

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### In Attendance

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We had 24 members and guests present

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### Approval of Minutes

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There were no minutes to be read from August since that was our annual picnic. The minutes from the July meeting were read by secretary Stacy Nelson. Minutes for July were unanimously approved as read.

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### Approval of Treasurer's Report

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Treasurer Debi Love gave the treasurer's report. We had a beginning balance of \$2,445.27. We received \$16 in dues & paid \$10 to the ISBA for dues. We also had a member give money for T-shirt for \$14. This resulted in an ending balance of \$2,465.27. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved as read.

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### Inspector's Apiary Report

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Bernie gave his inspector's report. He stated that you should treat your hives for mites if you see them on your bees. You can do an alcohol wash to see if you have mites. It still doesn't hurt to go ahead & treat even if you don't see any mites, chances are you may still have them. European Foul Brood is still showing up during inspections. Small hive beetles are present in hives Bernie has inspected. Bernie thought the Bee Culture Magazine put out a good issue this month. Bernie asks that if you live in Illinois to register your hives if you haven't yet done so. He will start checking hives locally so if he hasn't contacted you & you would like him to inspect your hives, give him a call.

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### Special Guest

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We had a special guest come by. Bob Brammer is the Northeast Regional Director with the Missouri State Beekeepers Association. Bob came to talk to us about joining the state association. If you went online & joined the state association before the September 29<sup>th</sup> you would receive a discount for the fall meeting. It would be in the form of a \$10 rebate. I have extra forms if you'd like to join the state association. He also talked to us about what they do and what they offer at the state association level. He told us the date for the State Fair next year would be August 8<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 2019 and that the MSBA Spring Conference would be held at Southeast Missouri

University in Cape Girardeau, MO on March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 2019. He talked about their Queen/Ambassador Program that is for boys & girls 18-24 years of age. It was nice to have him as our guest.

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## Old Business

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MSBA Fall Conference is October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at Truman State University in Kirksville, MO

ISBA Fall Meeting is Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> in Springfield, IL. Some of the speakers include: Dewey Caron, Tina Sebastian, Tim May, & Stu Jacobsen (IQI)

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## New Business

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Our annual Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner & silent auction is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. We would be starting at 6:00 PM rather than the normal starting time.

The ISBA will be changing the editor of their newsletter.

New Beekeepers Class tentative dates are January 26<sup>th</sup> 2019 & February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019

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## Educational

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### Honey Harvest & Marketing your Honey

Harvest honey from supers only

To sell honey moisture content should be at 18% or below.

Legal Labels

Name of Product

Your Name & Contact Information

Nutrition Label (Recommended)

Extra Label Regarding Honey that Crystallizes (Use Hot Water to "Melt" Honey)

Sell by word of mouth or to local businesses

### Mite Treatment

Treat as soon as honey is harvested. If you have bees you have mites. NOW is the greatest risk for mites.

### Honey Stores within the Hive

2:1 sugar water 1 quart + per day

Need 10 full deep frames (both sides) for each colony

Approximately 100 lbs of honey If less than that you need to feed sugar syrup to get there by Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

Feed inside the hive if there's risk of frost. Use crabby patties after it stays cold.

Gradually place most full frames near center of brood boxes

Keep brood frames in center of lower brood box

Keep frames with bee bread/pollen near brood as well

Should have 2 frames with pollen

Feed patties now if needed

4 parts AP-23/6 parts sucrose

Queenless/Poor performing colonies

Combine if necessary — take losses in the fall to improve winter survival

Don't combine if colony has disease problem, excessive mites, small hive beetles, or evidence of foulbrood

Deformed Wing Virus

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Wind Breaks/Hive Wraps

Protect from North & West winds

Trees, pallets with tarps, snow fencing, straw bales can be used for wind breaks — don't cover the top

Watch for snow drifts — must have adequate ventilation in hives during winter

Normal digestion of honey for energy produces carbon dioxide & water — must be able to remove both from

Hives — small front opening or some top opening for ventilation

Wrap hives and use quilt boxes

Beesource.com has plans that you can use to make quilt boxes

Check during winter

If short on food stores in early winter weather feed winter crabby patties

With premade crabby patties you can be in & out in 10-15 seconds

Do this on warmer days every 2-3 weeks

Watch for small hive beetles

Watch for moisture inside of hives

If you have moisture built up inside (condensation) you don't have enough ventilation

Use solid bottom boards in winter and screened bottom boards in the spring, summer, & fall

Some use screened bottom boards year round — some may or may not close theirs off

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## Next Meeting

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Our next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Adams County Farm Bureau Building in Quincy, IL

Bruce will be sharing next month regarding his experiences with horizontal hives.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:15 PM and was unanimously passed.

