Minutes

Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association

Date | time Tuesday, October 30, 2018 7:00 PM | Meeting called to order by President Dale Hill

# In Attendance

There were 27 bee club members & guests present.

# Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September meeting were read by secretary Stacy Nelson and approved as read.

# Approval of Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Debi Love gave the treasurer’s report. We had a beginning balance of $2,465.27. We had expenses of $87.71 to reimburse Dale for the chicken purchased for the picnic & $25.00 in dues. That left us with an ending balance of $2,352.56. The treasurer’s report was approved as read.

# Inspector’s Report

Bernie provided some interesting numbers on his hive inspections during the past year. Some of the numbers he shared were at the state level while other numbers were on a more precise location (ex. By counties or districts) During the past year Bernie thought that the worst problem beekeepers had was varroa mites. He also stated that SHB were a problem but that good, strong healthy hives curtailed the beattles.

# Old Business

Bernie attended the Missouri Beekeepers Association fall conference in Kirksville and stated that it was well worth the trip. The speakers were good & he felt the conference was done appropriately.

Illinois State Beekeepers Association Fall Meeting will be held Saturday, November 10th in Springfield, IL. Speakers include Dewey Caron, Tina Sebastian, Tim May, and Stu Jacobson. The primary focus of the fall meeting will be on queens.

Make sure you have your entrance reducers on, set up windbreaks around your hives (North & West sides at a minimum, & make sure you can still get around your hives to check your bees about every 2-3 weeks starting mid December. Feed heavy if you still need to add stores.

New Beginning Beekeepers Classes are Saturday, January 26, 2019 & Saturday, March 2, 2019. Farm & Home weekend is Saturday, February 23, 2019 and we usually get some interest in beginning beekeeping at that event.

# New Business

Our Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner and silent auction will be Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 6:30 pm. The ham & turkey are already taken care of so please bring a covered dish to share. Also make sure to bring items to sell during our silent auction. Proceeds from the silent auction stay with the MVBA.

# Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be our Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Adams County Farm Bureau Building in Quincy, IL.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Stacy Nelson

MVBA Secretary