
MVBA Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of **Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association** was called to order by President Dale Hill at 7:00 pm at the Adams County Farm Bureau Building on **Tuesday, April 30, 2019**. A total of 38 members and guests were in attendance for the meeting.

Approval of minutes

Secretary Stacy Nelson read the meeting minutes from the March meeting that was held. Motion was made to approve the minutes as read and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Debi Love gave the treasurer's report. We had a beginning balance of \$2,974.59. We had income of \$118 and expenses of \$531.59. This gave us an ending balance of \$2,551. Motion was made to approve the treasurer's report and the motion carried.

Old business

Dale asked the group how their new packages were doing. Some experiences with packages this year have included dead queens when packages arrived and Dale has helped make sure that those people get new queens. Also have reports of not having very many drone bees in the packages. Dale encouraged the group to continue feeding heavy. If you have any supersedure cells, let it go and see what happens.

Inspector's Report

Bernie passed the test and is now an inspector again for the state of Illinois. Bernie told the group that if you live in Illinois, you are required to register your hives. He has the forms for you to fill out if you need to do this. The inspection is only to see if your hive(s) have disease. He won't tell you what to do unless it's something illegal. He will ask you questions such as when you started your hive, the type of queen, the type of treatment you use. The inspection costs you nothing. They will begin varroa mite monitoring although not early in the year since about 300 bees are used in an alcohol wash test. They can now weigh hives. You won't be inspected every year.

New Business

The ISBA Summer Meeting will be held June 7th & 8th More information will follow.

Dale gave a presentation of Midwest Plants for Honeybees

Announcements

Collin Nelson will be graduating from Highland High School on May 24, 2019

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Adams County Farm Bureau Building in Quincy.