

Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association was called to order at 7:00PM on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 in our homes via ZOOM by President Bruce Moechnig.

Present

Bruce Moechnig, Brian Schenck, Stacy Nelson, Josh Inghram, Ken Holtschlag, Jim Reese, Gary Kaufman, Tim McClelland, Tina McClelland, Tom Stark, Roger Runquist, Jerry, Ron Cook, Cathy Cook, Becky Bross, Bill Henehan, Brad, Bernie Andrew, Debi Love, Mike Lundberg, Kelly Lundberg, Russ and a couple of others but wasn't sure of names since they were Galaxy Tab

Approval of Minutes

Nothing to report on the minutes from the February meeting as this was pretty informal.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Nothing to report on the treasurer's report since the February meeting as this was pretty informal.

Inspector's Report

Bernie is holding off on doing inspections but if you have a problem or concern he says you're more than welcome to give him a call. He also suggests checking for mites.

Old Business

No one seems to have had any issues with the packages this year. The nucs that were ordered should be ready around May 8th but it hadn't been confirmed.

New Swarm Call list is available on our website.

New Business

Our youth that we're sponsoring seem to be doing ok. Bruce has been working with one of our youth members and says she is doing well. Tom stated that Davon is doing well and even helped him do a split.

Watch for swarms & feed 1:1 sugar syrup. Also, if you have a lot of drone comb you might open up some of the cells and check for mites there as well.

Bruce brought forth a proposed change he would like to make. He would like to revamp our Beginning Beekeepers class to include topics that aren't currently covered so it can be certified as an Apprentice Master Beekeeping Course through the Great Plains Master Beekeeping Program. Discussion was opened on the proposal. Stacy stated that she thought the current class that Bernie teaches is very good & that Bernie has spent a lot of time on it along with help from his daughter getting it to where it is today. Stacy mentioned that the class has improved even from when her family took the class and was also worried about what it would then cost to have the class. Stacy then said with everything going on at present time, she would have a hard time asking someone wanting to learn about bees to pay more when people right now are without jobs. Tom agreed with Stacy that it would depend on cost. Bruce stated that each club sets their own pricing. Debi mentioned that it's well worth the money. A couple of other comments were made but had some audio issues & once the ZOOM meeting closed out, I couldn't read any of the typed comments so I do apologize for that. So now this brings us to a vote. Should the Mississippi Valley Beekeepers revamp their current beginning beekeepers class to include topics not currently covered to make it a certifiable Apprentice Master Beekeepers Course? All members should text their vote to either APPROVE or OPPOSE to Bruce 217-430-8595 and Stacy 573-822-4700 (so I can certify the vote) by the next meeting.

Agenda for Next Meeting

List the items to be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM by President Bruce Moechnig. The next general meeting will be at 7:00PM on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 in our homes via ZOOM.

Minutes submitted by: Stacy Nelson

Secretary