Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association

Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2019

The MVBA monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Dale Hill. We had a total of 38 members & guests present.

The minutes from the January meeting were read by Secretary Stacy Nelson and were approved as read.

Treasurer Debi Love gave the treasurer’s report. We had a beginning balance of $2,352.56. We received dues for January of $208, dues from class of $32, money from silent auction of $190, received $10 for ballcap, and $245 from our February class. We reimbursed Brian for the ham in the amount of $28.35, paid dues to the ISBA for members in the amount of $160, and paid dues from the February class in the amount of $90. This resulted in an ending balance of $2,759.21 and was approved as read.

Bernie interviewed for his inspector job. Our hope is that he gets it back so that we have an inspector for our area.

If you ordered bees through the club, the order will be placed after our March 2nd bee class. They are $126 and you will need to pay for them when you pick them up in Hannibal. If you don’t pay, then the club has to pay if you don’t pick up. Make sure we have a good contact number for you as we will have only about a 24 hour notice on delivery. If you didn’t order bees, there are other options available. Bernie said he’s going to have a few nucs available this year for $150, Farm & Home was taking orders through early March, Dadant’s, etc.

Farm & Home weekend was February 23, 2019. Bruce sent an email to Secretary Stacy Nelson stating he had some interest but that Saturday was kind of slow possibly due to the weather. Paul stated at the meeting that it was a good weekend overall.

We have interest in our youth sponsorship program and have our 1st FFA member, Davon Jennings, enrolled in the program.

Stacy will be dropping off the club apparel order and will pick them up when they are ready.

We had a guest speaker at our meeting. Jake Torres gave us a presentation & talked about the Illinois Varroa Mite and Hive Monitoring Project. For now it’s only for beekeepers in Illinois but they will be adding other states as the project moves forward. He shared a lot of information with our group and has talked with other bee clubs. If you’re interested in signing up visit www.BeeScape.org

Joe Lynch told us about a product he found to use on your hive bodies. It’s like a rhino liner but is food grade. Ask him about it if interested.

Meeting was adjourned at 8PM. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at & 7:00pm.

Sincerely

Stacy Nelson

MVBA Secretary