

Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Opening

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association was called to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 in the basement of the Adams County Farm Bureau Building by President Dale Hill.

Present

A total of 36 members and guests were present.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June meeting were read by Secretary Stacy Nelson. Minutes were approved from the June meeting with an update on who now has the club extractors to John Hibbert & Guy Spoonmore

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Due to the absence of our Treasurer Debi Love, Secretary Stacy Nelson gave the treasurer's report. There was no new business to report and our current balance is still \$2,553.31

Inspector's Report

Bernie told the group that EFB is still around. With swarms he's seeing capped brood around the edges but nothing in the center. This could mean either the hive swarmed or the queen was superceded. Bernie hasn't seen many hive beetles yet. Some hives have burr comb and he's seeing mite away strips being left in.

Old Business

Megan Wannarka from the Minnesota Lab agreed to come on a Saturday to give a presentation to our club. Dale asked for dates and suggested dates of September 21st and 28th were given. Dale said he would see when he could reserve the room.

T-Shirts and ballcaps have arrived. Stacy picked them up and will have them at the meetings for members to pick up. If you're not able to make it to a meeting to pick up and/or pay for, please make other arrangements with Stacy as soon as possible.

Guy earned 3 Blue Ribbons from the Adams County Fair for his honey entries. Great job Guy!! Dale mentioned that next spring Guy could show other members of our club what to do and how to prepare to show at a county fair.

We need 6-8 people from our club to help man the honey booth and sell honey ice cream at the Illinois State Fair on Sunday, August 11, 2019. Ray & Stacy Nelson, Tom & Laurie Stark, Guy Spoomnore, Bernie Andrew, & Dwayne Bonser volunteered. Others are welcome to come help as well.

New Business

Missouri State Beekeepers Fall Meeting will be held October 18-19, 2019 at Moberly Area Community College. Keynote speakers include Peter Borst & Dr. Krispn Given along with Collin Wamsley, Casey Berthoud, & Sheldon Brummel. Several breakout sessions are also planned for the 2-day conference. Laurie Stark shared some information she received about hotel accommodations being limited. She shared some information on a campsite she found that may interest some that are planning on attending the conference.

Illinois State Beekeepers Fall Meeting will be held November 9, 2019 at the Illinois Department of Agriculture Building on the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield, IL. More information to follow on speakers and presentations as they become confirmed.

Nomination committee for our club officers will be headed by Guy Spoonmore.

Dale did an interesting presentation on the Brief History of Beekeeping.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM by President Dale Hill. The next general meeting will be at **5:30 PM** on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at Bob Mays Park in Quincy, IL. (Please note the earlier time for our meeting next month along with change in location) This will be our annual picnic for our members and their families. Please bring a dish to share along with your own table service. Chicken and drinks will be provided.

Minutes submitted by: Stacy Nelson, Secretary

Approved by: Name