

# **Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association**

Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 30, 2020

## **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association was called to order at 7:05PM on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 in Ewing, MO at the Rural Fire Department by President Bruce Moechnig.

## **Present**

Dan & Kim Morrow, Becky Bross, Wayne Gottman, Bill Henehan, Stan Brinkman, Jim Simpson, Bernie Andrew, Sarah C, Tom & Laurie Stark, Debi Love, Stacy Nelson, Bruce Moechnig, Deanna Nelson. Attending VIA ZOOM were Jim Reese, Amy Rainbolt, David Phillipi, Penny & Elaina Weiman, Ron & Karen Cook, Roger Runquist

## **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were sent with the meeting reminder by Secretary Stacy Nelson and were approved as given.

## **Approval of Treasurer's Report**

There was no treasurer's report to be given due to our treasurer Josh Inghram being on vacation.

Bruce & Debi did talk about the Scholarship Fund which will be established with money we'll be receiving. Tom Stark & Deanna Nelson each did a cut out of bees & the organization they did this for has made a donation to our club and a donation was also made in memorandum of a beekeeper who recently passed. He wasn't a member of our club but the memorandum was made to us. This will be a separate account that we will use to sponsor our youth & other things.

## **Old Business**

Missouri State Fair will be held August 13<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> 2020 in Sedalia, MO. Volunteers are still needed to work the MSBA booth. Shifts are 10:30am-2:30pm and 2:30pm-6:30pm.

MSBA Fall Conference will be held in October. Details will follow when they become available.

ISBA Fall Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2020 at the Department of Agriculture Building in Springfield, IL

ISBA Bonus Meeting to be held at Dadant's in Hamilton, IL in March 2021. More details will follow as they become available.

Debi gave a report on the informal Q & A session that was held on June 11, 2020 on the Missouri side of the river in Durham, MO. Several new beekeepers utilized the opportunity to come and ask questions on what they were having issues with. Tom Stark talked to the new beekeepers on varroa treatment. Some of the individuals that attended would like to see the informal Q & A sessions continue. They also asked if there was a roster list of available beekeepers to call and ask questions as they arise. This would need to be asked of each individual the same as we do with the swarm call list. The swarm call list is available publicly on our website [www.mvbees.com](http://www.mvbees.com) under the removals tab. I believe anyone that is on that list would be willing to help if you can't get a hold of anyone else to assist you at that time.

### **New Business**

July Activities: Inspect colonies once for congestion; check your hives for queenrightness, diseases, mites, & stores; provide additional supers as needed; search for markets for hive products; protect unused supers with PDB

There has been a change to our Vice President position. Brian Schenck resigned as Vice President of our club. If an officer resigns their position, our by-laws state that our President may fill the position without a formal vote. Our President Bruce Moechnig appointed Debi Love to the officer position of Vice President and Debi has accepted this role in our club. Thank you, Debi!

We have a sign out sheet for any member needing to use any of the club's equipment. When you return the equipment, you will also sign it back in so that another member may use it. When you return the equipment, it needs to be clean & free of damage for the next member to use. Please let Stacy know if you have 1 of the 2 extractors that the club has or if you have the observation hive. Use of this Sign In/ Sign Out sheet should aid us in locating the equipment when someone is needing to know if it can be used by them.

Debi gave a very informative presentation on the varroa mites and control. A lot of what Debi talked about came from [www.honeybeehealthcoalition.org](http://www.honeybeehealthcoalition.org). Tom Stark did a demonstration on how to do an alcohol wash on your bees to check for mites. It keeps being said that if you have more drone brood, you will have more mites. July & August are best times to check for mites according to what Bernie suggests.

Bruce mentioned that the constitution and by-laws of our club need to be cleaned up a bit and a few changes may need to be made to improve the appearance of it.

**Agenda for Next Meeting**

At our July meeting we will have a speaker talk about wax processing and products.  
During our August meeting, we will have an informal Q & A session at our picnic.  
During our September meeting, we will have a speaker give a presentation on preparing our beehives for winter

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM by President Bruce Moechnig. The next general meeting will be at 7:00PM on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 in the basement of the Adams County Farm Bureau Building in Quincy, IL & VIA ZOOM for those that still aren't comfortable joining us in person.

Minutes submitted by: Stacy Nelson

MVBA Secretary