

# **Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association**

Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May28, 2019

## **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association was called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May28, 2019 in Quincy, IL by Vice President Brian Schenck.

## **Present**

We had a total of 37 members and guests present

## **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the April meeting were read by Secretary Stacy Nelson. Minutes from the meeting were approved as read and motion carried.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Debi Love gave the following treasurer's report. We had a beginning balance of \$2,551.00. We had income of \$64 in dues paid. We had expenses of \$45.69 to reimburse Bruce Moechnig for refreshments for the beekeeping class and \$40 in dues paid to the ISBA. This resulted in a new ending balance of \$2,529.31. The treasurer's report was approved and the motion carried.

## **Inspector's Report**

Bernie mentioned that he hasn't done a lot of inspections at this time due to the wet weather we've been having. The hives Bernie has inspected, he's seen lots of swarm cells. There have been some reports of European Foulbrood being found in hives already. The inspectors for Illinois are currently using an old map but will soon be using a newer map once all the districts have been redrawn and divided among the inspectors. University of Illinois varroa mite monitoring program is live in our area. If you live in Illinois and move hives from county to county, you must get a moving permit. The moving permit costs you nothing. If you live in Illinois and purchase bees in Missouri, the bees have to be inspected in Missouri and you have to get a moving permit.

## **Old Business**

Stacy gave us an update on the club t-shirts. The delay has been due to no longer having the same color t-shirt as before. Some members have the old color tee that was called honey. Now that that color has been discontinued, it will now be a gold color tee. Some of our new members asked about ordering shirts and it was suggested to Stacy to call and

order some extra shirts to have for anyone else interested. The costs of the t-shirts are \$12 for Small thru X-large and \$14 for 2-X and 3-X.

Members congratulated Collin Nelson on his high school graduation.

### **New Business**

One of our club members, Cecil Dean and a couple of others, went to a yard sale and found an observation hive which he has purchased. Cecil is loaning it to the club for anyone that wants to borrow it for any kind of educational display that you may be doing for an event or to show at a fair, etc. Thank you, Cecil.

Brian asked the group how their bees were doing. Some are seeing lots of swarm cells and some aren't seeing much in the way of brood.

ISBA Summer Meeting will be held Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at Crystal Lake, IL. Information for this is at the end of these minutes.

MSBA Fall Conference will be held Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at Moberly Area Community College (MACC). Information is at the end of these minutes.

### **Educational Section**

Guy Spoonmore gave a presentation on how to do splits. The most popular way of doing splits is using the Doolittle method which Guy explained is pretty easy. He also answered some questions from members on what to do if you find swarm cells and Guy shared some things that you could do with swarm cells when doing splits.

Guy also brought his Queen Castle and showed us what that looks like. It is a regular hive body that is divided into 3 sections. Each section is for a split that he wants to do so instead of carrying 3 nuc boxes into his bee yard, he's only carrying 1 box that has 3 different sections to do splits. The openings are on different ends (the middle section's opening is on the opposite end as the other 2).

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm by Vice President Brian Schenck. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at the Adams County Farm Bureau Building in Quincy, IL.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary Stacy Nelson

Approved by:

### June 7-8, 2019 Illinois State Beekeepers Association - Summer Meeting - Crystal Lake, IL



June 7 and 8, 2019 will be the first two-day ISBA summer meeting. It will be a worthwhile two days with experts in different aspects of the challenge of beekeeping.

The Friday meeting will begin at noon and feature four group meetings with four experts, Dr. Keith Delaplane, Jerry Hayes, Jim (and Karen) Belli, and Eleanor Schumacher. Each gathering will be limited in size and meet for three hours.

These short courses are **for ISBA members only** and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. These courses will run simultaneously. Sign up early to get the course of your choice. Registration is now open.

- Dr. Delaplane will spend the afternoon exploring the concept of Darwinian Beekeeping, a concept that is both old and new. In this era of environmental and pest challenges to our honeybees, Darwinian thinking has surfaced. Explore this approach with an outstanding academic and passionate beekeeper. Darwinian thinking can change the way you think of your beekeeping.
- Jerry Hayes will run an in-person "Classroom" session. Jerry is an internationally respected beekeeping personality who writes a long-standing column in the American Bee Journal where he offers great, expert advice on everything honey and beekeeping. Participants will be encouraged to send in and bring along questions in need of his expert answers. If you are a regular reader of Jerry's column you will want to make his class. This will be a marathon afternoon of Q and A with a man who knows the answers.
- Jim and Karen Belli have won almost any honey show award one can name. Their expertise has taken them from local county fairs to the most

competitive international honey shows. In this afternoon gathering they will share their ribbon-winning techniques. Bring your honey jars along and have them critiqued by the best. Honey shows are coming soon!

- Eleanor Schumacher is an experienced bee inspector. In her years of experience she has opened many hives. In this afternoon gathering hear how she goes about a professional inspection and then accompany her as she opens hives. Join Eleanor as she evaluates and develops a management plan. Bring your veil and watch a pro do it.

On Friday, after a break for dinner, there will be an evening gathering of mead makers. Experienced vintners and aspiring winemakers are all welcome to an evening of camaraderie and discussion of this ancient brewing talent. Fellowship will be on tap, but in keeping with the College's policy, no mead will be served at this meeting.

Friday evening also find beekeepers gathering to discuss the advantages of local queens. Small-scale queen rearing in our Illinois climate is a hotly discussed topic.

The Saturday meeting is **open to members and nonmembers** and will begin with an 8:00 AM registration followed by a day of presentations as has been the tradition at ISBA meetings.

The day focuses on keeping healthy, successful honeybee colonies and include Dr. Keith Delaplane, Jerry Hayes, and a talk on the **"Illinois Citizen Scientists and the Varroa Battle"**. We will get a report from IDOA on the state of beekeeping in Illinois and a chance to hear from the new editor of ABJ.

The first 100 ISBA members to register for Saturday will receive a complimentary collectible ISBA ball cap.

*Lunch is available by preorder and will be catered by Quiznos who will provide a selection of their toasted sub sandwiches.*

*Vegetarian subs will be available. **Deadline for preordering lunch is June 1.***

#### **Registration fees**

Friday Short Courses	\$10.00
Gathering of mead makers	no charge – come join the talk
Local queen discussion	no charge – come join the talk
Saturday	members - \$25.00 (\$30.00 at the door)
	Nonmembers - \$35.00 (\$40.00 at the door)
Preordered Saturday lunch	\$10.00

The meeting will be held in the beautiful conference center of McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, Illinois. Directions, information on lodging discounts, and local restaurants will be available.

The June meeting is **presented by your ISBA** and underwritten by the dues you pay to ISBA.

Come take advantage of this great benefit of being a member of ISBA.

*The Summer Meeting Schedule for Saturday, June 8, 2019 and updated information on lodging, places to eat and registration is available at the below links:*

[2019 ISBA Summer Meeting Schedule for Saturday June 8](#)  
[2019 ISBA Summer Meeting Information on Lodging and Registration](#)

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None scheduled at this time

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Heartland Apicultural Society 2019 - July 8-10, 2019 Bowling Green, KY



HEARTLAND APICULTURAL SOCIETY  
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# **MSBA Fall Conference**

**Fall 2019 Conference (October 18-19th)**



The Missouri State Beekeepers Association will hold its Fall Conference beginning Friday, October 18, at 8:45 am and continue through Saturday, October 19 on the campus of Moberly Area Community College (MACC). Registration is open at 7:00 am on Friday in the spacious auditorium at MACC. There is seating capacity for 400 so there's plenty of room for you to enjoy this conference! We encourage attendees to register early before the conference to guarantee you will get the meals offered at the conference. Registration will be taken at the door, but meals may not be available at that time.



Keynote speakers include Peter Borst and Dr. Krispn Given. Peter was Senior Apiarist at Cornell's Dyce Lab for Honey Bee Studies for seven years, served as an apiary inspector for New York State, and is currently President of the Finger Lakes Bee Club. He is a prolific author and is currently a regular contributor to American Beekeeping Journal and Bee Culture. Dr Krispn Given is Apicultural Specialist at Purdue University's Department of Entomology in West Lafayette, Indiana. Krispn started breeding bees over 25 years ago and gives lectures to beekeepers and researchers at national and international conferences. He was instrumental, along with Dr. Greg Hunt, in developing the "mite-biter" bee strain in helping to control Varroa mites. Rounding out the General Meeting speakers are Collin Wamsley, Chief Entomologist/Program Administrator for the State of Missouri to talk about what the Missouri inspection program entails to help Missouri beekeepers; Casey Berthoud, Missouri's Quail Forever and Pheasants Forever state coordinator who oversees 16 biologists and the Missouri for Monarchs coordinator to talk about forage planting for beekeepers and how the organization that he oversees might help; and, Sheldon Brummel, Master Beekeeper Project Coordinator, Department of Entomology for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE to talk about the newly developed Great Plains Master Beekeeping Program. Missouri State Beekeepers Association is one of the partnering states in this exciting new developing program.

There will also be breakout classes each afternoon to highlight topics of specific interest to local beekeepers and clubs. These classes will be announced on our website. There are also hotels in the area that have reserved a block of rooms for attendees and hotel reservation info will be forthcoming on our website as well. If you have any further questions you may email [brucesnavely@hotmail.com](mailto:brucesnavely@hotmail.com), MSBA Program Chair.

