

Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Opening

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association was called to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 25, 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 May meeting were read by secretary Stacy Nelson. Minutes were approved as read.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Debi Love gave the treasurer's report. We had a beginning balance of \$2,529.31. After income and expenses, we had an ending balance of \$2,553.31. Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Inspector's Report

Bernie states that he's finding everything except AFB during inspections. He also stated that a lot of hives have just swarmed or he's finding lots of supercedure cells. His one pet peeve that he's been seeing is 9 frames in the deeps. If you have only 9 frames you'll have lots of burr comb. Bernie says now is the time to do varroa mite checks on your hives. If you live in Illinois, he has registration forms for you to fill out. If you suspect that you may have Foulbrood, Bernie asks that you call him. Bernie also gave a demonstration of how to do an alcohol wash test to check the mite levels in your hives. This test is more accurate than the sugar shake. End of July and into August tends to be when the mite count is heavier in the hives. Bernie will be getting more information from the University of Illinois on the Varroa Monitoring June 26th.

New Business

Dale is checking this week to see about getting a pallet of sugar. This will be white sugar as the raw cane sugar tends to ferment faster than the white sugar. Bruce spoke to the group about Megan giving a presentation to our club. Motion was made and approved to pay Megan \$500 for her expenses. We then talked about moving it to a Saturday and also reaching out to other clubs/people. Bruce will talk to Megan about coming this fall. Debi

also mentioned having Janet Guthrie coming to do a presentation on wax at one of our meetings.

Bruce showed us a prototype he made to put around a Langstroth hive. He used the same concept as he did with his horizontal hive so that the bees will be better insulated through the winter and consume less honey stores. Good job Bruce and thanks for sharing.

Dale showed pictures of how to harvest honey. Dale and Tina have the club extractors if anyone needs to borrow.

Club officer nominations will be held soon and our club picnic is in August.

Old Business

Stacy gave an update on the t-shirts and ballcaps and said they were delayed because the lady doing the ballcaps didn't like how they turned out so she redid them. Stacy will be picking them up in the next 10 days or so. They will be at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM by President Dale Hill. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 30, 2019, in the basement of the Adams County Farm Bureau Building in Quincy.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary Stacy Nelson

Approved by: Name