

Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Opening

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association was called to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 in the basement of the Adams County Farm Bureau Building in Quincy, IL by President Dale Hill.

Present

We had a total of 27 members and guests present

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 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 \$1,715.28. We had income of \$16 and expense of \$20. This gave us an ending balance of \$1,711.28. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Inspector's Report

Bernie's term as inspector ended on October 15, 2019. The last couple of weeks of October he's done inspections in Knox & Warren counties. Bernie says he was utterly shocked at the mite count. Some had upwards of 40, 60, 80 mites but he also found a hive with a mite load of 100 mites. This was approximately 12 beekeepers and none of them had any idea they had a mite problem. Bernie asks if you don't know what's in your hive, how are you going to take care of them? Bernie suggests doing a thorough inspection of your hives at least once a month to check the mite load. If you have over 9 you're in trouble. Bernie stated that he used Formic Pro but didn't test for mites before treatment but he did test afterwards and still had 4-6 mites. He then used Apiguard as a follow up treatment of his hives.

Dale mentioned seeing an increase in small hive beetles after he switched to the solid bottom board.

New Business

Have you done your part to prepare your hives for winter? By now you should be treating for mites, feeding extra feedings of sugar syrup (too late now outside of hive) inside of hive until it gets too cold. Need to start preparing Krabby Patties in the next month or two depending on food stores. Dale mentioned that he makes them ahead of time and puts

them in the freezer but takes them out 48 hours before to allow them to thaw before he puts them in his hives. You should also have a windbreak or wrap your hives making sure that they have adequate winter ventilation. Everyone should have the entrance reducer on their hives and possibly mouse guards if mice are a problem in your bee yards. If mice do get in toss it due to the urine smell. Do a very quick check on your hives monthly to make sure they have plenty of food. Wear your veil when checking hives in winter. Beesource.com has plans for making quilt boxes.

Tom Stark gave a summary of the MSBA fall meeting in Moberly, MO that he & his wife Laurie attended. There were a lot of good speakers and they even got to do a hive inspection. They learned a lot and encouraged anyone who hasn't been to a conference of that stature to go. Laurie even entered a baking contest and won 2nd place using only honey as a sweetener.

The election of officers was held at our meeting this month. Guy was in charge of the nomination committee. Debi Love & Guy Spoonmore nominated Bruce Moechnig to be our next president. Bruce accepted the nomination. Bruce Moechnig said that our current Vice President Brian Schenck would continue as vice president so Bruce nominated Brian and Brian verbally accepted the nomination through Bruce. Bernie Andrew & Guy Spoonmore nominated the current secretary Stacy Nelson to continue as secretary. Stacy accepted the nomination. Josh Ingrahm nominated himself to be treasurer if there was no one else interested so Josh accepted. Your club officers will be as follows:

Bruce Moechnig-President

Brian Schenck-Vice President

Stacy Nelson-Secretary/Historian

Josh Ingrahm-Treasurer

They will take over from the current officers on January 1, 2020. To the outgoing President Dale Hill & Treasurer Debi Love we say thank you!

Old Business

Still have extra t-shirts for sale. Stacy is waiting on the other hats that were ordered along with a couple of shirts.

We didn't sell enough tickets for the showing of the documentary The Pollinators. We hope to try again to get this documentary shown in Quincy.

ISBA meeting is Saturday, November 9, 2019 in Springfield, IL

MSBA Spring meeting will be March 13 & 14 2020 at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, MO

Our next meeting is our annual Thanksgiving dinner and silent auction on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 from 6-8:30 pm. The president & vice president have the ham and turkey covered. Please bring a covered dish, your own table service, and something for the silent auction. It doesn't have to be bee related.

Guy showed a video on how to make Krabby Patties.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm by President Dale Hill. The next general meeting will be at 6:00pm on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 in the basement of the Adams County Farm Bureau Building in Quincy, IL.

Minutes Respectfully Stacy Nelson, Secretary
Submitted by: