Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association

# Meeting Minutes

# September 24, 2019

## Opening

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association was called to order at 7:05pm on September 24, 2019 in the basement of the Adams County Farm Bureau Building in Quincy, IL by President Dale Hill.

## Present

We had a total of 26 members & guests present

## Approval of Minutes

Secretary Stacy Nelson read the minutes of the July and August meetings. The minutes of the meetings were approved as read.

## Approval of Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Debi Love gave the treasurer’s report. We had a beginning balance of $2,553.31. We had income of $118. We had expenses which totaled $956.03 ($334 to Expressions by Christine, $500 to Megan Wannarka for her travel expenses, $52.03 to Bruce & $70 to Dale). This gave us an ending balance of $1, 715.28. The treasurer’s report was approved as read.

## Inspector’s Report

Bernie said that this time of year (end of September-October) it’s hard to get a positive result for EFB. There’s been some changes in the last 2 weeks. Mite counts have been low and Bernie has seen a few SHB. Some have asked about using Formic Pro. Move the brood to the bottom. Temperature should be in the 70’s but 85 degrees is the limit. Flip boxes so brood is in the bottom box.

## New Business

Bruce took a video today to show the group of drones being kicked out of the hives

Dale stated that his bees are still going gang busters & still has lots of bees in his hives

If you need to borrow a club extractor please let Josh Inghram or John Hibbert know. They currently have the club extractors if you need one.

Bruce gave a recap of Megan Wannarka’s presentation that she made to our club. It was very interesting. She had different honey colors and honey flavors which was great and good to taste. She also encouraged Bruce to make plans of what he’s done with his hives. Also, if you’re looking to get rid of excess honey then WorkerB at Mall of America may be of assistance to you as a beekeeper. They will buy your excess honey (usually 60 lbs or more), bottle it and even use your own label and sell it for you. For the ones unable to make it, Bruce is going to see if she will share her presentation slides with him.

Nomination committee will be making officer recommendations at our October meeting and elections will be made. These officers will then be official beginning in January 2020

Joe Lynch told the group that he put in a request to have the Pollinator Documentary to be shown at the AMC Showcase 6 Theatre in Quincy, IL on October 23, 2019 at 6:30 pm. We need to have 68 tickets sold in order for the documentary to be shown. Tickets are around $8.00 & the deadline to reserve tickets is October 13, 2019. To reserve tickets for The Pollinators showing please click the link below: <https://tickets.demand.film/event/8811?ref=zWaGaYDN>

November/December meeting will be combined. This is our annual Thanksgiving dinner which will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at from 6:00pm-8:30pm. The president and vice president have the ham & turkey covered. Please bring a covered dish along with your own table service. There will also be a silent auction held so we also ask that you bring an item to donate to the silent auction.

Missouri State Beekeepers Association Spring meeting will be held in Kansas City, MO March 13th & 14th 2020

## Old Business

Illinois State Beekeepers Association Fall Meeting is November 9, 2019 with check-in & Registration beginning at 7:30 am. Speakers & Topics include: **Gary Reuter, Technician/Extension Instructor, University of Minnesota,** Changes in Bees Between Summer & Fall; **Tim Wilbanks, Heritage** **Honeybee**, Commercial Package Production and Being Part of a Family Bee Business; **Ginger** **Reuter, Candle Maker**, Beeswax Handling and Candle Making; **Tim May**, **Commercial Beekeeper & President of the American Beekeeping Federation**, ABF Meeting in Schaumburg, Illinois; **Adam Dolezal, University of Illinois**, Ongoing Research in Illinois & Beyond.

Missouri State Beekeepers Association Fall Meeting is October 18th & 19th 2019 at Moberly Area Community College in Moberly, MO

There’s a new beekeeping association that started in Monmouth, IL and Bernie went to one of their meetings. The president of the new club had 121 bee stings. Our own Cecil Dean also stated that he had to go to the ER for bee stings. Even our president Dale had been stung earlier in the day of this meeting around his ankles and had a difficult time standing/walking. The point is, have an EPI-PEN on hand whether you have an allergy or not. You just don’t know when you might have a bad reaction to bee stings. Susie Dunnaway also shared that if you have an EPI-PEN that’s expired, most pharmacies will trade it out for you.

Dale did a presentation on preparing your hives for winter. Fall Crabby Patty: ½ lb AP 23, 4 ½ sugar, 8 ounces water, 1-2 Tablespoons salt. Spring Patty 2 lbs AP 23, 3 lbs sugar, 8 ounces water, 1 Tablespoon salt

## Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm by President Dale Hill. The next general meeting will be at 7:00pm on October 29, 2019, in the basement of the Adams County Farm Bureau Building in Quincy, IL.

| Minutes submitted by: | Secretary Stacy Nelson |
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