

Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association – Meeting Agenda

October 27, 2020

Social Time -6:30 pm, Meeting - 7:00 pm

Farm Bureau Building, 330 South 36th St, Quincy, IL

(Note: Masks and social distancing at the meeting are strongly suggested.)

Welcome Remarks – Bruce Moechnig

Introduction of New Members/Guests: No new members or guest

Minutes from September, 2020 meeting – Amy Rainbolt read and approved

Treasurer's Report – Josh Inghram See attached read and approved

Monthly Beekeeping Activities for November – Bruce Moechnig Develop additional markets for hive products; continue selling; purchasing additional equipment for next year, winterize hives.

Updates from sponsored youth- Both student's still need to winterize hives Bruce and Gary to help with this process

Old Business

Report on MSBA Fall Conference (Zoom meeting) Debie and Berine both attended this zoom meeting and found the information to be very good

Upcoming meetings/seminars

ISBA Fall Meeting has been cancelled

ISBA Bonus mtg at Dadant's in Hamilton, IL in March 2021 (more details to come)

Report on Fall Beekeepers Day at Farm & Home Supply (October 17, 2020)- This was very successful and about half of the flyers were handed out.

New Business

Beginner beekeeper course – planning committee- First in person meeting was held prior to traditional beekeepers meeting. This group will continue to meet and at the first meeting the following was discussed: Instructions/teaching of the class, power point ideas and or the use of old power point, and marketing.

*The members at the meeting voted on allowing Debie to have a total of \$100.00 to purchase new posters for the upcoming class. This was approved

* The following members will be reaching out to the FFA teachers to see if they have an interest in taking the class for free- This was voted on and approved: Stan Brinkman for Quincy and surrounding area Tom Stark for Lewis County area, and Wayne Gottman for Palmyra, Marion County area.

*Marketing: It was suggested that we announce on radio that we meet monthly this could also be added to the flyer that we hand out at the next day we have at Farm and Home.

Holiday dinner – December 1, 2020, Farm Bureau Building, 6:30 pm, Ham and Turkey furnished, bring dish to share. Also will have a silent auction; items needed. **Since our meeting on 10/27/2020 this has been CANCELLED due to Illinois restrictions/guidelines with COVID.**

Instead of our Holiday dinner we ask that you send your best bee story of the year and or a picture and they will be sent out to the group in holiday letter. Please send those stories and or photo's to a_rainbolt_2005@yahoo.com

Honey Bee Co Op: This idea was brought up and would have to function outside of the beekeeper's club. Anyone interested in this idea please reach out to Bruce Moeching.

Break

Program –

“Preparing fair exhibit entries” – Bernie Andrew

“Measuring Moisture in Honey Using a Refractometer” – Bruce Moechnig (bring samples to test)

Closing remarks and adjournment – Bruce Moechnig