

March 16, 2024

General Meeting

Meeting called to order by CiCi Sweeny at 10:03. The meeting was attended by 79 members and 14 guests, 93 total.

Steve Repasky was introduced as the main speaker with on a subject of “Spring Build Up” Key to successful management of your bee hives. His presentation was followed by a Q & A session.

CiCi presented a new E-mail address to be used by the club for communication. The email will be administered by 3 board members and will be posted as our web site as contact point, nwpabees@gmail.com

Bee keeping classes coming up are a basic class at Asbury Woods by Charlie Schroeck and a “Beyond Basics” class in Mercer County by CiCi Sweeny

February meeting minutes were placed overhead for review. A motion to accept as written from Sam Barlekoff and 2nd by Rick Horanic. The motion passed with a majority of hands raised.

Treasury report = \$10321.00. Pellet sales brought in \$2570 which includes shipping cost, 90 8# bags have been sold to date. Charlie V. brought up that we should be collecting Sales tax as it is not exempt. Jen W. reported the pellets are for sale on the web site.

Scholarship proposal was presented on the overhead as it stands at this point.

Mark A. reported the dates for the Ag Safety Day by AmeriCorp are May 14 for the Clarion site and May 21 for the Venango site. There are members who already signed up to volunteer.

Mark A. gave a report on the soon to be operating Club Merchandise Store.

The Member Spotlight was a presentation by Debra Houser on her journey in to bee keeping and her efforts to keep 2 observation hives at the libraries in Franklin and Oil City.

Door Prizes and the 50/50 were drawn. Eric Blore won the 50/50 for \$283.

Up Coming important dates are

IHOP Erie Beeks breakfast every 3rd Wednesday

April NWPBA meeting featuring Michael Palmer

Following the meeting will be a honey sampling session featuring several different varieties of honeys for everyone to try.

A motion was made to Adjourn by Debra Houser and seconded by Fred Dunn. Motion carried with a majority of ayes and no na's

Respectfully Submitted by

Mark Anderhalt

Secretary, NWPBA