

Minutes 8/7/18

Heart of Virginia Beekeepers met August 7, 2018 with 40 people present including three new people. Tommy welcomed everyone and passed the sign-in sheet and money jar.

— Minutes were read and approved. Betsy explained that since the death of member Harold LeGrand, his wife has bee equipment for sale. Bill Morgan is handling this for her and he should be contacted if anyone is interested in purchasing equipment.

— The Fassolds continue to have no luck getting a response from Blue Ridge Bees Virginia concerning their order of bees which was never delivered.

— An offer from the state of Virginia for distribution of free bee hives has ended. One member was able to take advantage of this offer, but at the time of this meeting had not received any equipment.

— A discussion of the tobacco grant ensued. Margaret Jones expressed disappointment in the reimbursement she finally received.

— Tommy reminded members that any grant money or equipment received will need to be reported as income on taxes.

— Tommy reported on his presentation to the Amelia Ruritan Club in June and that he will be speaking at the Woodlands later in August.

— Tommy reported on upcoming meetings: nothing is scheduled at this time for September or November; October is traditionally Honey Tasting; December is usually a meal.

— A possible program could be to have Keith Tignor, State Apiarist, to explain the new program.

— Averett Jones, former commercial, now hobby beekeeper spoke concerning problems with bears destroying hives. He asked that anyone who has problems with bears in their hives report them to DGIF and request compensation. Photographs of bears destroying hives and of the destruction would help.

— He also reported that he has opened a bee supply store in the Southside Messenger building in Keysville.

— David Richmond gave an excellent program on how to clean bees wax and ideas for products that can be made. He demonstrated making lip balm and shared some samples.

— Emily Hollingsworth, reporter from the Farmville Herald was present to photograph and interview members about keeping bees.

— The Fassolds passed out T-Shirts, and the meeting was adjourned.