

Minutes 1/8/19

Heart of Virginia Beekeepers met January 8, 2019 with 35 present, including seven new people. Donnie Amos welcomed everyone and explained the sign-in sheet. The Minutes were read and approved. Mary Jane read a thank you note from Danielle Chernault for the subscription to American Bee Journal she won at the honey-tasting contest. The donation jar was passed.

Grant: Tommy doesn't have paperwork with him on the Grant. He gave receipts for tuition for the 2019 Bee School. February meeting Jessica Driver will bring the new bee inspector. An ad for the Bee School will appear in the Southside Messenger. Dates are February 12, 19 and 26. You can miss one class; Tommy will give make-up material.

Donnie read a flier that Larry Oxner will have packages at \$100 per three-pound package April 6th. Donnie might have nucs. Tommy plans to sell forty over-wintered nucs with Italian or Carniolan queens from Hawaii. He said Hawaii is a closed network with strict guidelines. Tommy tried to contact our representative to the state beekeepers to speak but got no response.

Tommy led a discussion of what beekeepers of various levels of experience learned last year. He noted that Class of 2018 grant paperwork was turned in, goes to Charlotte County and then the Tobacco Commission. Might be mid-summer before checks are issued. Following further discussion, Donnie adjourned the meeting.