

New River Valley Beekeepers Association

Minutes for April 13, 2017

members present

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

Presentation by Veterinarian Kim Bridges – recently attended a class and spoke about drugs that are available for beekeepers to use and emphasized that you'll need a script or a VFD in order to get the drugs. The veterinarians will have to inspect the bees at least once in order to provide a script or VFD. If VDACS diagnoses foul brood the veterinarians should be able to write a script. Matt added some additional information about the use of the drugs and veterinary services.

Presentation by Judge Dan O'Hanlon. Judge O'Hanlon spoke about "How to Raise Northern Queens & Save the World."

Jim gave a brief summary regarding beekeepers' liability. Virginia passed a statute that gave Virginia beekeepers a limited amount of liability protection given that they used best management practices. Practices only mandatory if you want to take advantage of the limited liability protection.

Dan mentioned that ANPAC farm insurance was a good option for beekeepers.

Business meeting commenced at 6:30 pm.

Minutes for March 9, 2017 approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report – approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm

Brief discussion regarding survey for honey extracting facility. We had over a 50% response rate to the survey. Jim to send out summary of survey results. About half of the respondents indicated they weren't interested in using a facility but about 40+% indicated that they were interested.

Jim discussed the mentor program. To date we have about 7 volunteers to be mentors.

Business meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

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Submitted by Jim Hill
NRVBA President