

## **Minutes of New River Valley Beekeepers' Association**

August 11th 2016

28 persons in attendance

Jim Hill introduced the speaker and advised the speaker would lead off the meeting.

James Wilson provided presentation on "Well Trained Bees". The presentation included discussion of Squash bees and bees associated with Cucurbits. Squash bugs vector disease causing Cucurbit Yellow vine decline.

Presentation Started 6:35 p.m.

Ended: 7:42 p.m.

5-10 minutes break was suggested. Raffle tickets sold- \$55 collected from raffle. All cash provided to Jack Price during meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm

Previous minutes reviewed and accepted.

August Treasurer report was provided by Jack Price. Total after payables \$3220.30.

Announcement made regard Heritage Day at the Montgomery County Museum, next to where we have our meetings, Aug 27<sup>th</sup> 10-3. Bob Whiton (in attendance) has confirmed he has volunteered to be at the event. Others are welcome to join.

Observation hive would be brought by Bob if no one else volunteers.

Alex mentioned in new business that a top bar hive has been donated tentatively to the group. Hive needs some attention. TBD the actual condition.

Honey House status or update was requested..Jim advised that he received no further update. So far Jim has not had any additional communications. Jim will reach back out to the group.

Richard Reid gave out five frames of drone comb.

Business meeting was ended at 8:10 p.m.

Richard led the discussion of "What should we be doing?"

Feeding? Some members feeding.. Dearth has been serious. Possibly as little as just a 1/3 of the normal flow is the perception in some areas. Scale hives have shown roughly a trickle of nectar.

Question if re-queened hive in Beeyard had been checked, Richard advised it's on top of list. Story of the queen in the cage that flew off that he was able to capture but took a big hit to his middle finger. Push in cage discussion followed.

Raffle held 8:30 p.m.

Next Month's meeting Speaker? TBD

Extractor Management sign out coordinator discussion: Jim Hill and Bob Whiton have taken over the management of the extractors from Sue Hossack. Send them an email and they will coordinate the extractors.

Question about the Floyd extractor, where does it reside? Feeling was maybe at Mark Chorba's home.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes shall be sent to Sue on 8/12/16.

Submitted by Luke McCoy