

## New River Valley Beekeepers Association

Minutes for February 9, 2017

39 members present

Meeting called to order at 6:37pm

Kim Bridges, veterinarian was introduced by Lynette Tobias. Kim spoke regarding the Veterinary Feed Directive. Antibiotics for treating bees will now be required to be obtained through a veterinarian. She indicated that she is planning on becoming educated on the requirements as they relate to bees. In addition, she also plans on coming up with a way to get a number of veterinarians trained as to the diseases and the related antibiotics in addition to make sure that beekeepers can get the drugs when they need them. She anticipates that only 3 to 4 veterinarians in the state will be qualified to provide a VFD. Writing the VFDs are cumbersome. Prevention will be labeled in the usage. The reason for the change is that the drugs put in feed yards have been used to produce growth in addition to preventing diseases. Unfortunately, the drugs were not meant to be used this way. 80% of antibiotics sold go into feed and so the change is to effectively stop administering them for growth promotion.

Business meeting commenced 7:01pm.

Minutes for January 12, 2017 approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report - Presented by Jack Price, Treasurer. There is currently \$5,880 in the Association's bank account. Treasurer's report approved unanimously.

Bylaws Amendment for Equipment Committee – Amendment read to members by Jim Hill. Motion and second made to adopt amendment. Amendment passed unanimously.

Jerry Borger spoke briefly about the beginner beekeeper class. Discussed the need to possibly use the VaTech bee yard as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> beekeeping class.

Richard Reid discussed the bee yard and the dead-out in Hive #6 – the supers from that hive were moved to another hive in the bee yard.

Business meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

Presentations started at 7:37pm.

Jerry Borger presented a session on Wooden Hive Woodenware Items. He discussed hive ventilation and demonstrated his methods of increasing hive ventilation. He also discussed his design for a solar wax extractor, finger/box joints and the use of shims.

Glenn Buss presented a session on his version of the finger/box joint.

Richard Reid presented a session on assembling frames if you have purchased the frame components. Also discussed his method for nuc construction.

Jim Hill presented a session on the 10-Frame Hive and a 5-Frame Nuc. He utilizes a rabbet joint as opposed to a box/finger joint. Demonstrated his nuc converted to a 2 compartment queen castle.

Meeting adjourned 8:51 pm

Submitted by Jim Hill  
NRVBA President