

## New River Valley Beekeepers' Association

Minutes for November 10, 2016

15 members present.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.

The meeting opened with a presentation on "A History of Top Bar Hives", by Dr. Marcel Durieux. He gave an excellent overview of the long history of top bar hive beekeeping, including information on the advantages and disadvantages of top bar hives.

Business Meeting:

Minutes of last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business:

1. Jim Hill updated the group on the most recent field day at the club apiary. The highlights of the field day were:
  - a. Brian Murphy demonstrated the use of an oxalic acid vaporizer for Varroa mite control. (Richard Reid has purchased a vaporizer for the club and Jim Hill has purchased an automotive jump starter unit to power the vaporizer.)
  - b. Richard Reid demonstrated his method of weighing a hive to help determine whether it needs to be fed.
2. Members who were at Bugfest reported that it was another great success for the club, with a lot of interest from the public. Congratulations to Mark Chorba for another great job of organizing the club's presentation and thanks to all of the members who volunteered to man the booth.
3. There was no new report on the honey house project.
4. There was no report on Zika Virus spraying and its effect on honey bees.

New Business:

1. Nominations for club officer positions were discussed. Jim Hill, Luke McCoy and Jack Price were nominated for repeat terms as President, Vice President and Treasurer, respectively. No volunteer(s) have stepped forward to accept nomination to the positions of Recording Secretary and

Corresponding Secretary. Jim Hill will call for volunteers on The Hive, providing a list of duties.

2. There was not a quorum (20 members, minimum) in attendance at the meeting, so no elections could be held. Elections will take place at the January meeting.
3. Jim Hill briefed the group on the repairs that were required on the Maxant power extractor. The need for better labeling on the extractor and/or training of extractor users was discussed. The current sign-out instructions contain the information, but users need to do a better job of complying with the instructions.
4. The need for a designated manager of all club sign-out equipment was discussed. Sue Hossack did it on an informal volunteer basis while she was Secretary, and Bob Whiton, assisted by Jim Hill, is doing it now. Perhaps a formal position, established in the Bylaws, is needed.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Jim Hill

NRVBA President