

New River Valley Beekeepers Association

October 12, 2017 Minutes

20 members signed the roster; additional members were recognized to be in attendance.

President James Hill called the meeting to order at 1835 and established that a quorum existed for voting for tonight's officer elections.

September minutes: Members voted to approve the September minutes with corrections to be provided to Deanna who is not in attendance tonight.

Treasurer's report: Jack Price will email the Treasurer's report to the membership tomorrow morning.

2018 Officer Elections

President- Fred Jones

Vice President- Bob Whiton

Treasurer- Jack Price

Recording Secretary- Deanna Cox

Corresponding Secretary- Emory Altizer

Audit Committee Report:

The Audit Committee, Glenn Buss, Bill Hendon, and Herman Hearn, met with Treasurer Jack Price for an audit of the Club's books from 2016 to September 2017. Chair Glenn Buss reported no irregularities were discovered and everything is in good order. Membership unanimously voted to accept the audit.

Break: several members brought honey for the annual tasting event; equipment raffle.

Presentation: The Slovenia AZ Hive by Mark Chorba, Past NRVBA President

Mark presented a brief history of the AZ hive and beekeeping practices in Slovenia. He highlighted some of the advantages of this type of hive including the ease of inspecting the sliding frames and the huge advantage of not needing to lift heavy supers. The focus of the presentation was an update on his own AZ hive started from a swarm this spring. Mark has been pleased with the progress of the hive and is considering additional AZ hives next season. He welcomed members to contact him to arrange a visit to view his hive. Mark's original 2016 presentation, which includes links for additional information, is on the Club website.

New Business: Cindy Turner presented a donation from the Mount Tabor Ruritan Club for \$150. She stated the Environment Committee has an appreciation for the work of pollinators and the contributions of beekeepers. The Club's breakfast fundraiser is now going on the second Saturdays of October and November. More information is available on the Mt. Tabor Ruritan Facebook page.

Committees: Jim encouraged members to volunteer to participate in the Program, Education, and Outreach Committees. Kent Murmann, who has largely managed the Program Committee, has asked to be relieved for 2018. There were no immediate volunteers from the members present. Bob Whiton is Chair of the Equipment Committee. He asked, since he is the newly elected Vice President, if he might be relieved. Jim stated he would try to provide additional help and encouraged others, especially those in the Christiansburg area, to pitch in if possible. There were no immediate volunteers to Chair the Equipment Committee. Sue Hossack agreed to continue to manage Club membership.

Sue provided membership renewal forms and reminded everyone to renew for 2018 membership. New and renewal memberships can be paid at meetings or online.

Jack Price informed everyone that Charlie Elgin, a founding member of NRVBA, is living at Commonwealth Senior Living in Christiansburg. Jack is certain Charlie would enjoy visitors.

Mark stated there are enough volunteers for the October 14th Hokie BugFest but others are welcome to join in.

Respectfully Submitted: Emory Altizer, Corresponding Secretary for Deanna Cox, Recording Secretary.