

Minutes of New River Valley Beekeepers' Association

January 14th 2016

54 persons in attendance

James Hill announced that it is time to renew memberships. Bill Wallace collected dues. More than 25 individual signed up with mostly family memberships.

Jenn Williams, Masters Student VT Entomology dept. gave her presentation on "Bee Toxicology and Observations Regarding the Bayer Bee Care Center Program".

Started 6:42 pm. Ended: 7:31 pm

5-10 minutes break was suggested. Luke sold raffle tickets. \$105 collected from raffle and (\$28 check from Jerry 410 for raffle/418 for Pollen patties). All cash and checks provide to James Hill and close of meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm

Previous minutes reviewed and accepted.

Jerry Borger reported that the 4 library sessions on "So You Want To Be a Bee Keeper" have been set and the details posted on the website. This weekend Jan 17th at Christiansburg Library and Next weekend Jan. 23rd at Shawsville Library.

Treasure not in attendance. Jack sent note via hive: "Treasurer's report went out this morning.. I have a board conflict with Blue Ridge Heritage meeting in Stuart, and thought I could avoid it, but really need to go. Please fill in for me on raffle ticket money collection.. Jack"

Treasurer's report: \$6136.72 (6801.40 w/ CC receivables and Box) in the bank plus \$ 105 in raffle tickets tonight.

Richard presented the NRVBA Bee Yard proposal and location selection. Description of the program and scope of the project introduced. Cost of project was sent and discussed with the board members. Discussion of the details is to continue. Richard turned it back to James and Mark Chorba advised that the Izaak Walton site has offered their property as site for a potential yard. Initial estimate of the cost of the project is \$2700. James followed with our bank account balance and its intent. The BPM (Best Practice) document was discussed and asked for members to review. Liability of the NRVBA bee yard was questioned. Question if liability waiver form should be structured. Jerry proposed board should form committee to meet to discuss the details and make a proposal during future meeting. James asked members to provide feedback to continue discussion. Luke McCoy asked question of budget and if we can afford all of the clubs commitments, Beeyard, Scholarships, Bee Package outlay. Mark Chorba discussed the packages being a positive revenue stream.

Package bees – Mark Chorba reported that 150 packages have been secured with delivery scheduled for Sunday, April 17th. Early next week email needs to go out and website activated. Jack to set margin for packages and CC expense. Jerry suggested cost \$100 for members and \$110 for non-members. Motion made by Bill Murphy, Richard Reid seconded and vote unanimously approved.

James discussed package survival rate discussed and re-queening recommended.

SYWTBABK question, is the class full, not yet.

Heavner hardware is now carrying some beekeeping equipment. Southern States also has had some small selection as well. Heavner's can get anything on their list with a week notice. Suggestion that possibly a price list go out on the hive.

Beginners beekeeping books handed out and door prizes discussion for the SYWTBABK classes.

New members had opportunity to introduce, Dora Butler, and Bill and Cindy Turner, WELCOME TO ALL!!

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM

The next meeting will be Thursday February 11th 2016 at 6:30 pm

Luke McCoy