

New River Valley Beekeepers Association

Minutes of the April 11, 2019, meeting

Pres. Altizer opened the meeting at 6:30 with 54 members present.

Apiary Report – Bob – The apiary is doing well. Probably will have two overwintered nucs to sell after our inspection.

Picnic Report - Lori - Nellie's Cave Park has been reserved for July 27. Volunteers are needed for cleanup and ideas for entertainment.

Package order – Mark – They will be coming Sunday. Distribution will be from 8:00 am to noon.

Jerry - The review session was well received. It will probably be continued in future years.

Bob – Club T-shirts and caps are still on sale. Window stickers with the club logo are being considered.

What you should be doing with your bees:

Noah- making sure bees have enough room

Brian- making splits

Raffle - It will be Chinese tonight.

Two of our own members are making presentations tonight:

Richard discussed splits and nucs. There are many benefits of keeping nucs, such as a source of queens, mite control during the brood break, generally keeping an operation sustainable. Now to mid-June is the best time to split. He presented details on how to make splits.

Jerry also discussed splits and nucs with an emphasis on utilizing queen hotels. If you raise a couple of nucs each year you might never need to buy bees again. You might even be able to sell some extra nucs.

May program - Dr. Donald Zedalis will give a presentation on the history of the bee sting allergy and why should a pharaoh care?

Respectfully submitted

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Secretary