

New River Valley Beekeepers Association

October 10, 2019, meeting minutes

President Altizer called the meeting to order at 6:35 with 28 members present.

- **Treasurer's report** – checks for \$300 have been written since the report was sent out by email.
- **Apiary report** - Bob Whiton – we lost a couple of queens, but they have been replaced; colonies are ready for winter.
- **Hokie BugFest** – Bob Whiton - thanks to all the volunteers who helped at Bugfest. There was a huge crowd and a lot of honey was sold.
- **Annual Meeting** – two items: annual audit and nominations for 2020 officers.

The audit committee was composed of Carl Lefko, Glenn Buss and Lynnette Tobias. Carl reported that the finances appeared to be in excellent order and that treasurer, Jim Hill, had done a lot of work in coordinating all the aspects of our finances. In response to a question about why we don't use a U.S. developed program to manage our internet financial connections instead of LoveAdmin, which is British, Jim said that he has searched for one, but has not been able to find one that handles our needs as well as Loveadmin.

The nominating committee was composed of Jerry Borger, Richard Reid and Bob Whiton. The following persons were nominated:

President: Emory Altizer

Vice-president: Cindy Turner

Treasurer: James Hill

Secretary: Morgan Otten

Communications officer: Jeff Graf

Membership officer: Sharon Vest

Richard then called for nominations from the floor. There were none and it was moved and seconded that the nominees be elected by acclamation.

What you should be doing with your bees: .most members have been feeding in preparation for winter.

Featured Presentation: Josh Wolfer discussed his views, observations and experiences with observation hives.

Since the main objective of an observation hive is to watch the bees, place it in an area where you will see them regularly.

You can't see normal bee activity during routine inspections, but an observation hive lets you see what the bees are actually doing, including the queen's activities.

It is also a good indicator of what is going on with other hives in your apiary.

There are many designs: the main common property is that they have clear sides so you can see the bees. You can buy or build your own.

The Buffalo Jack Raffle: Items included:

Medium 8-frame assembled box with one-piece frames and foundation

10 assembled medium frames with plastic foundation

J-hook hive tool

Two division board plastic feeders (takes the place of a frame)

Frame grip

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Buss, secretary