

New River Valley Beekeepers Association January 9, 2020, Meeting Minutes

President Altizer opened the meeting at 6:32 pm with 48 members present. One of the agenda items at the December Board meeting was the revision of the Bylaws and Handbook. Examples of some of changes are the creation of Communications as a separate elected position and granting authority to the President to approve one-time expenditures up to \$200.00 without prior Board approval. The Bylaws require at least eight days' notice to members of amendments to the Bylaws prior to calling for a vote. The proposed changes to the Bylaws and Handbook were sent to the membership nine days prior to tonight's meeting. First and second motions for approval were obtained and the revisions passed by unanimous voice vote

Mark Chorba has handled the distribution of the package bees for years prior, but is unable to maintain the role this year. We have asked for volunteers to take point on this and Bill Hendon volunteered immediately. Bee package prices have been set \$125 and \$140 for nonmembers.

The treasury is in good shape. The report for the past month was emailed to the membership recently. An order has been placed for 150 packages. Quick recap of the report: Checking account currently has a balance of \$7,538.70; Paypal account has a balance of \$236.70. We have already received dues from members this evening also. This is the time when we start accumulating but the accounts are larger than they really are because that money is obligated money.

Apiary Report: Need to take a peek. Sunday's forecast looks warm so afternoon may be promising!

Jerry listed the items for the Buffalo Jack raffle:

- An 8-frame screened bottom board
- A set of 10 deep frames with plastic foundation (unassembled)
- A set of leather gloves (size Medium)
- A smoker
- A medium 10 frame box (unassembled)

We welcomed a few new attendees; Jerry discussed benefits of joining the NRVBA, such as The Hive, use of the honey extractor for free, and purchasing bee packages at a discount,

Jerry announced that the SYWTBAB sessions will be presented again this year with one additional location. Encourage friends to attend at nearby libraries. This Saturday will be Christiansburg and Dublin; Shawsville on Sunday. We will even have a local cable company filming our Floyd SYWTBAB session! The Beginning Beekeepers Course will be offered again this year (details on the web site).

It was asked if today's presentation by Jerry Borger could be recorded due to a member not being able to attend. Jerry and all present agreed to this.

Jerry Borger presented "Beekeeper's Calendar", a very informative talk to discuss what your goals are, how to navigate weather changes, and how to make the best use of each of the seasons.

In closing the meeting, Emory asked that members consider volunteering for the various committees that are responsible for keeping the club functional.

Respectfully submitted,
Morgan Otten, Secretary