

Mountain Empire Beekeepers Association

Minutes

October 25, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Anthony Ellis in room 122, Smyth Hall Wytheville Community College. 16 members were present and 1 guest.

**Minutes and Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve minutes—Mickey Cunningham, seconded by Kirk Burkett. Minutes approved. Mickey Cunningham presented the treasurers report. The report was filed for audit.

**Speaker:** Rich Morris

**Presentation:** Broodminder: Every Hive Counts

<https://broodminder.com/>

A CISCO Webex meeting took place with Rich Morris presenting on the Broodminder which measures humidity and temperatures of hives. A healthy colony checklist is able to be concise and quick to check on six conditions in the hive. (brood, bees, queen, forage/food, stressors and space)

\*Brood – brood rearing                      \*Bees- population fluctuation, swarming, winter clustering

\*Queen – Queen right, queen cells, queen loss                      \* Forage/Food –nectar flow, stores, winter consumption                      \* Stressors – Varroa mites, laying workers, robbing, bear attack etc....

**Old Business:**

- Our November meeting will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday since Thanksgiving is the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday. The next meeting will be Thursday November 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Room 122, Smyth Hall Wytheville Community College. There will be no December meeting.

**New Business:**

- The website is now updated thanks to Sue Hossack.
- The Virginia State Beekeepers Association (VSBA) fall meeting will be November 3, 2018, Blue Ridge Community College, Weyers Cave, VA. The following presentations will be offered:

Dr. Meghan Milbrath will present "Small Scale Queen Rearing" and "Overwintering"

Ed Karle will share a "Case Study of 4 hives in 1 apiary followed over 3 years."

Slideshow review of EAS 2018

**Hive Report: What Should You Be Doing with Your Hives?**

Put mouse guards on

Feed 2:1 sugar syrup

Look out for Small Hive Beetles –SHB

Watch for Robbing

**Raffle:**

Wax scratcher – Connie Armentrout

Women's "Proud Beekeeper" pink t-shirt – Eurel Clippard

Heated uncapping knife with a controller – Austin Reynolds

Silver be charm necklace with pouch – Connie Armentrout

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**Adjourned** at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Armentrout, MEBA Secretary