

Mountain Empire Beekeepers Association

Minutes

June 27, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m. by Anthony Ellis in room 201, Galax Hall Wytheville Community College. 28 members and 2 guests.

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

Speaker: Anthony Ellis

Presentation: Protect Your Bees From Varroa Mites

Anthony shared an informative website that has many resources that will benefit beekeepers. Below are links to the videos that were presented, as well as other resources:

<https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/varroa/>

https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/HBHC-Guide_Varroa_Interactive_7thEdition_June2018.pdf The last page of the guide has a spreadsheet for record keeping.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aFILPZ5KbgU&list=PLQm1WA72K03LSMohfG0Tnc1a9lyinzl3T> – you Tube Video “Tools for Varroa Management: Honey Bee Health Coalition”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y9kN3SQ8604> – You Tube Video – “Healthy Bees, Healthy People, Healthy Planet™”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgPft9FQxLc> – You tube Video - Sampling Methods for Varroa Mite Treatment. Treatment should be done 4 times per year.

<https://bip2.beeinformed.org/mitecheck/>

Old Business:

- Grayson County will be having an agriculture fair on August 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in Elk Creek on route 21. Mickey Cunningham is on the committee for the fair. There will be a honey show. It is suspected that there will be a big demand for honey sales. In order to set up to sell your honey, there is a \$10.00 fee. You will need two bottles of honey to enter the show. One bottle will be needed to taste and another bottle for observation. No labels on the jars and no fingerprints. Honey must be in a glass gamber bottle. Entrance for the show is free. Any questions, see Mickey Cunningham.

New Business:

- Membership dues – Only about half of the membership dues have currently been paid. This has been put in the minutes to remind everyone to please pay as soon as possible if you have not done so already. If you are not sure if you have or not, see Gary Tolley. If you are ready to pay, see Gary Tolley as well. Our calendar year starts over January every year.
- A motion was made by Cathy Hounshell to change the policy of the library check-out of materials from 1 year to 3 months. This was seconded by Mickey Cunningham. Motion approved.
- Anita Parks has agreed to be an additional MEBA Facebook administrator. Thank you Anita!

- Keith Vaught shared information about Omega Printing in Hillsville for honey labels. (0.60¢ per sheet)
Omega Office Supply and Printing- Office Services, Supplies & Equipment

512 N Main St
Hillsville, VA 24343
Carroll County

- <http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/plant-industry-services-beehive-distribution-program.shtml> - free woodenware for beekeepers in Virginia.

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

Check for Mites & treat when necessary

Replace bad queens

Check your batteries for your electric fence

Look out for Small Hive Beetles –SHB

Raffle Winners:

Ronnie Osbourne – 10 Unassembled shallow frames

Richard Clark – 10 Unassembled deep frames

Alana Yates –La Rachere set of 2, 10 oz. Napoleon Bee Tumblers

Willie Richardson – Hive Tool

Keith Vaught – Smoker

Jonathan Wright – Cell phone lens kit

Eurel Clippard – Bee Clips

Richard Osbourne – frame spacers

Fred Williams – Bee spatula

Linda Brachen – Bee spatula

Catherine Schrenker – Uncapping Knife

Next Meeting: Cooking with Jude Colt

She is a former researcher from MIT for new skin for burn victims. For those that remember the meeting last year where she shared her recipes with MEBA members, she is sure to please again! This is a meeting you don't want to miss!

Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Armentrout, MEBA Secretary