

Mountain Empire Beekeepers Association

Minutes

February, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Herman Hearn in room 118, Carroll Hall Wytheville Community College. 39 members present.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve minutes—Herman Hearn, seconded by Gary Tolley. Minutes approved. The treasurers report was given by Gary Tolley. The report was filed for audit.

Speaker: Gerald (Jerry) Borger

Presentation: Bees Wax Candle Making

Old Business:

- Cathy Hounshell reports that the bee class has 31 students.

New Business:

- www.beeclubssales.com 25% discount if ordered through MEBA
- Tickets for the extractor will be \$5.00 each.
- The 3rd Annual Grayson County Expo and Fair will be held August 7th and 8th at the Bottomley Christmas Tree Farm

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

Construct hive equipment, repair and get ready

Check feed and feed if necessary, lift to see if the hive is heavy or not

Wind protection

Record keeping – Review it. If you like it fine. If not, change it.

Pull out any dead-outs

Buy pollen patties or make your own if you do not see much pollen in the hive

Taxes- If you sold anything

Bees In The News:

Raffle Winners:

Ronnie Dillman – frame gripper

Ronnie Osborne – plastic honey bear bottles

Willie Richardson – inner Cover

Jeff Wyatt – 10 unassembled frames

Hank Sturkic – bee necklace

Vicky Linkous – MEBA hat and beetle trap and wax

Vicky Linkous – hive Tool

Next Meeting: March 26, 2020 in Carroll Hall room 118 at 6:30 p.m. Wytheville Community College (4th Thursday)

The presenter will be George Wilson. The location may have to change due to the number of people expected to attend.

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Armentrout, MEBA Secretary