

Mountain Empire Beekeepers Association

Minutes

January 23, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Herman Hearn in room 118, Carroll Hall Wytheville Community College. 20 members present.

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

Speaker: Tim Service

Presentation: The Importance of Queens

Old Business:

- A You Tube video by Jason Chrisman called Staghorn Sumac Vs Varroa Mites, Does It Really Work?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MGHRcd5hznk>

New Business:

- A motion was made by Herman Hearn for Mickey Cunningham to purchase raffle prizes for the honeybee class which will be taught by Cathy Hounshel starting February 4. Tim Service seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- A discussion about the need for someone to chair the annual picnic event. More on this subject will be discussed next month. Someone will need to help run the silent auction for the picnic as well.
- Gary volunteered to order the extractor for the picnic. Mickey suggested the extractor could be purchased from Bee Club Sales with Mike Barbera.
- Election of the MEBA president – A motion was made by Teresa Hearn to nominate Mickey Cunningham for president. The motion was seconded by everyone. 😊

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:

- 100 honey bee hives were stolen in Arizona that were destined for almond groves.
<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=One+hundred+honey+bee+hives+stolen+in+almond+groves&view=detail&mid=60FE57071CF50618E73960FE57071CF50618E739&FORM=VIRE>
- Burke's Garden property destroyed in weekend wind storm and Honeybee Hives toppled.
<https://wvva.com/2020/01/12/burkes-garden-property-destroyed-in-weekend-wind-storm/>
- CATCH THE BUZZ- EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMAL IS CREATING QUITE A BUZZ
<https://www.beeculture.com/catch-the-buzz-emotional-support-animal-is-creating-quite-a-buzz/>

Raffle Winners:

Robert Pauley – unassembled frames

Anthony Ellis – plastic honey bear bottles

Johnathan Wright – calendar (donated by Linda Bracken from Bee Culture)

Eural Clippard – wax foundation

Gary Tolley – hive tool

Willie Richardson – mite board

Marfesa Clark - calendar (donated by Linda Bracken from Bee Culture)

John Todd – 2 plywood paramoth hive holder boards

Theresa Hearn – insulated inner cover

Next Meeting: February 27, 2020 in Carroll Hall room 118 at 6:30 p.m. Wytheville Community College (4th Thursday) The presentation will be Bees Wax Candle Making by Jerry Borger.

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Armentrout, MEBA Secretary