

Tri County Beekeepers Meeting Minutes for 2/1/2022

1. Clay White introduced zoom meeting and gave a brief description on how to use zoom. It was a learning curve for all of us. Clay also moderated the meeting.
2. Amy Jonas read secretary's report from last meeting. It was approved.
3. Treasure report. Beginning balance was 8569.00. Clay went through changes and ending balance was \$8106.98. Report was approved.
4. Vern updated about the scholarships. Two applicants received the scholarships. They were in attendance via zoom. The intro to beekeeping class will begin March 8. The Recipients and their parents can attend for free. The classes will be held via zoom. The woodenware for the hives will be picked up and delivered to St. Cloud. In addition to the woodenware, gloves, smoker, book and queen excluders will be included.
5. The executive committee did meet through zoom and approved the 1line item in the 2022 club budget regarding scholarships. The committee did this so the scholarships could be awarded.
6. Budget- Amy briefly went through the 2022 club budget. Clay put it up on the screen. We voted via zoom using the thumbs up emoji. The budget was passed.
7. New business: Package bee sales. Craig is the coordinator for individual sales. He contacted Glenn our previous supplier and prices are \$120 for 2 lb. and \$150 for 3 lb. packages. Fill out the form, mail to Glenn with payment and Glenn will arrange a drop off time. Another supplier contacted Craig and would like to supply the club. His prices are \$115 for 2 lb. and \$125 for 3 lb. He also has Italian and Carnollian queens and also sells nucs. He will give discounts to those beekeepers buying multiple packages. A discussion occurred to see if the club wants to switch suppliers or order from both. All sales are from individual beekeepers to the supplier now. No sales are run through the club. The final decision is to include both order forms in the ordering email that will be sent out as well as a list of club members that sell nucs in the Spring.
8. Vern's intro to beekeeping class will start March 8. It will run for 4 sessions and will be done via zoom. Vern doesn't think he needs to set a class maximum size. It was proposed to open the class up to the public and charge \$30 with 10 going to club membership and the rest to scholarship fund. Current club members would be charged \$20 to take the class. Clay thought that he can set it up on the web site so people can pay there. More info will be coming regarding the details.
9. Demonstration hive: If anybody would like to take over the demonstration hives let Clay know. The hives can be moved to your place or left at Clay's.

10. We have a new member who lives between Bock and Ogilvie in Milaca that is looking for a mentor. We may have a volunteer for this depending on how far he is willing to drive. If there are beekeepers up in that area, reach out to become a mentor.
11. What should we be doing with our bees: Start getting ready for Spring. Check your hive if it is light make a candy board and feed your bees. If it is dead, shake out the dead bees and close up all holes so mice do not get in. Maintain your equipment by painting boxes if needed and repairing any holes. It is too early to put pollen patties in. Wait until mid March. If you want to scrape propolis off the hangers of the frames bring inside to warm up first. Cold wax is very fragile. Wait until it is at least 40 degrees out before you open the hive up. Watch the wind, too.
12. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Rusch