

## Tri-County Beekeepers Meeting Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Officers Vern Heise, Jason Nyholm, Paul Theis, Juliet Brambrink were present. Member attendance was approximately 40.

Vern called the meeting to order at 7:04. 2 new members were present.

Cigar box was passed. Total prize was \$6.50.

### **New business:**

Youth Scholarship winners:

- Daylin Paulson: lives outside Cold Spring
- Chloe Swanson: lives in Holdingford
- Mentors are needed for youth

Logan Presentation

- Did direct release of queen, almost lost her. Would try another method next time.
- Completed weekly inspections.
- Swarmed last week of June – Logan was home and able to see the swarm. Pictures and video are available.
  - Captured the swarm with mentor Kevin's help
- Completed mite treatments
- Put supers on. With queen excluder bees did not move up. Once excluder was removed the bees started producing in the hives.
- Got about a gallon of honey. Has a flower/fruity taste
- Buffalo board and straw bales added for winter.
- Logan checked the winter hives without a veil. Bees landed on him – would wear a veil next time.
- Overall was a little harder than Logan expected, the constant checking. Also more interesting than anticipated.
- Mom Janet enjoyed the experience with him.
- Kevin Carpenter was mentor – mentoring was an enjoyable and easy experience and he recommends it.

Treasurer and Executive Board Member Election

- Treasurer Nominations/Volunteers: Mitch Theis
- Executive Board Member: Wayne Rusch
- Mitch and Wayne were elected by members present

2017 Budget

Paul explained budget line items and had copies available to interested members. Vote to approve budget will be held in January.

- Library: \$150
- Executive Committee: \$350
  - This includes \$100 to renew 501c3 non-profit status. Accountant will take care of it on an ongoing basis.
  - Cost of applying is 275 non-refundable application fee + 100 for accountant
  - Accountant also covers state name registration and 990 form.
- Picnic: \$350
- Fair: \$1275
  - For honey straws and brochures
- Demonstration Hive: \$285
- Education: \$985
  - For youth scholarship and speakers
- Donations: \$900
  - U of M scholarship funds
- **Total: \$4295**

#### 2016 income

- Fair: \$2336.48
- Dues: \$1000
- Extractor Rental: \$100
- Donations: \$767.15
- Cigar Box: \$47.75
- **Total: \$4251.48**

Members enjoyed treats made with honey and honey tasting. Vern explained the honey tasting process.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Start: \$80137

\$65 deposit

\$5 game

\$20 dues

\$40 extractor

\$150 Whitney Center

Jim Diviani \$200 – Rent

\$100, \$275 accountant

\$7477.37 ending balance

youth scholarship fund \$767.15

Treasurer's report was approved by vote

Motion: hire Burkhart & Burkhart accountants to take care of non-profit information and treasury. Motion passed by membership vote.

Next month: membership drive. Family dues are \$10. November and December members will have next year's dues waived. If 501c3 is reinstated, dues will be tax deductible.

Wayne Rusch has order forms for nucs available. First-come, first-serve. Four-frame nucs with bred queens are \$150, shooting for 130 available.

Package bee orders may be available as soon as next month. This is also time to order equipment.

Discussion: all members must be current on dues before ordering bees or renting extractor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:46. Members were invited to have leftover samples.