

Tri-County Beekeepers Meeting Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Officers Jason Nyholm, Mitch Theis and Juliet Brambrink were present. Member attendance was approximately 70.

Jason called the meeting to order at 7:00. Four new members were present.

New business:

- Honey harvest: Members reported successful honey harvests.
- Extractor is available for rent. \$10 rental + \$25 deposit. Contact president@tricountybeekeepers.com to rent.
- Picnic: September 17, 1:00 pm at the demonstration yard -- 3388 County Road 8, St. Cloud. BYO meat to grill and a side dish or dessert to share. Club will supply beverages, condiments and flatware/dishes. Bring empty packages to the picnic for pick-up.
- Mites: Test your hives for mites and treat as needed.
- September 16: Extraction at the demo hive. Watch email for time.
- Powdered sugar roll: Explanation was given at the meeting. See the University of Minnesota website for details.
- It is robbing season. Put in entrance reducer now.
- Honeybeehealthcoalition.com – website by U of M, USDA and others to track mites and other issues. Good information on how to maintain bees.
- Start feeding bees now. Feed hard and fast. Use heavy syrup (2:1) or ProSweet/high fructose corn syrup.
- Overwintering takes at least 2 deeps of honey – about 90 pounds.
- Winter preparation: Now is time to prepare your hive. Options include a moisture board or styrofoam (polystyrene) and a cardboard sleeve or tarpaper.
- Motion made to donate \$150 to the church. Motion passed by popular vote.
- Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Beginning: \$6,739.53
- Donation to scholarship fund: +\$9.27
- Cash for fair box: -\$150
- Payments to members for honey sold (total of \$1,644.15):
 - Deb Cross: \$46.50
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 - Jason Nyholm: \$77.95
 - Conrad Legatt: \$1,182.20
 - Laura Platenberg: \$42
 - Paul Theis: \$85
 - Wayne Rusch: \$118.50
- Fair deposit: \$1,319+2459.85=\$3,779.35

- Fair expenses: 1,644.15 to members-150-1,010.06 for straws=\$975.14
- Ending balance: \$8,734