

Tri-County Beekeepers Meeting Tuesday, November 7, 2017

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

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

New business:

- Treasurer's report was read and accepted
- Budget requests should be turned in during the meeting
- Beeheadquarters.com: New website to visit, contains links to bee clubs and other information
- Donated equipment from Skip Kmitch: Some equipment from 8-frame Langstroth hive, and complete Warre hive plus additional equipment. Some equipment will be used at demo yard, some will be sold via silent auction at the January meeting.
- St. Johns Avon Hills conference: we have an opportunity to speak and present a table. If interested see Vern. Conference is February 10. It is an environmental conference with several options for classes.
- Youth scholarship deadline is November 15.
- Community Ed classes: will be offered in Sauk Rapids and Melrose starting in late January. Money raised by classes goes to youth scholarship.
- Elections: Stephanie Johnson was nominated for president. Bob Cross was nominated for vice president. Wayne Rusch was nominated for at-large member. Slate of candidates was unanimously elected and will begin their terms at the next meeting.
- Flow Hive update: Tri-County Beekeepers was approved for a donated Flow Hive. Terms: we pay shipping, they require pictures of assembly and one Skype call in to meeting. Members will receive a coupon for a discount on a Flow Hive. Hive will be assembled one hour before the December meeting, meet at the church at 6:00 pm to witness assembly.
- Demonstration hive: One hive absconded sometime in October. One hive is ready for winter.
- Scholarship winners presented their experiences.
- Jason shared his homemade honey liquefier, made for around \$90.
- Conrad demonstrated winterizing a beehive and preventing moisture issues.
- Back issues of beekeeping magazines are available.
- Vern reminded all members of the importance of heading committees. Website committee, picnic committee, fair committee and others are in need of a chair.
- December's meeting will be honey tasting and sharing items made with honey. Bring your favorite honey treat.
- January's meeting topic will be making creamed honey.

Treasurer's Report:

- Beginning: \$8,853.96
- Picnic rental toilets: -\$102.01
- Picnic rental tables/chairs: -\$72
- Scholarship donation: +\$10
- Membership dues: +\$20
- Extractor rental: +\$120
- Bee lines postage: -\$21.70
- Ending balance: \$8,808.25