

Midwestern Beekeepers Association

April General Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, April 23, 2017 in the Conservation Room at Bass Pro in Independence, Mo. at 2:30pm following the Q&A Session with **Robert Hughes**.

Attendance: 53

Open: Bob Williams, President, opened the meeting and welcomed all. He made some announcements with information at the back table regarding Membership Applications/renewals, Swarm List sign up and Name Tag list. Reminders of the Hive Box Raffle in May and the MBA Library on line.

Bob W. then asked the Youth Scholarship Student, **Allison Bruce** to come forward for her presentation titled "My Beekeeping Adventure". The power point showed highlights of her 1st year as a beekeeper with explanations and details shared with all. She thanked her Mentors **Jim and Cindy Connell and Cathy Misko** for supporting her Bee Education and expanding her Apiary skills. Questions were answered during and after her presentation. Following **Allison B.'s** educational program, **Nita Dietz**, Youth Scholarship Chairperson, presented her with a Certificate of Ownership for successful completion of the YS Program. **Jim and Cindy C.** presented her with her name badge. Great job **Allison B.**

Robert Hughes of Jordy's Honey came forward to give his program on "Swarms and Splits". His sharing of years of experience with bees was very helpful to Beekeepers of all levels of beekeeping knowledge. He shared a couple of different ways to split hives which allowed attendees to decide what might work best for them. As it is swarm season, tips on what to watch for in your Apiary, how to capture swarms and successful management skills will be beneficial to all. Thank you for sharing your expertise. Questions were answered during and after his program.

Bob W. encouraged group hive checks. Getting together with other beekeepers in your Apiary or someone elses, expands friendships and increases your knowledge and above all "it's fun". Door prizes were drawn.

Adjourned: 3:45pm.

Secretary _____ **Date** _____

DON'T FORGET THE SILENT AUCTION AT OUR MAY 21, 2017 GENERAL MEETING INCLUDING THE HIVE RAFFLE AND THE QUEEN RAFFLES.