

Midwestern Beekeepers Association

December Meeting Minutes

Date: December 13, 2015 at Graceway Fellowship Hall in Kansas City, MO.

Attendance: 60

Open: President, **Cathy Misko** opened the meeting with her Welcome greeting and informed everyone that as soon as the food was arranged on the table, we would feast. **Bob Justice** gave the blessing and good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Cathy M. then introduced **Summer Ficken**, a 2013 Youth Scholarship Student, to give presentation titled "Building My First Hive." This was the final portion she needed to complete her scholarship requirements. **Cathy M.** then asked her Mentors, **Jim and Cindy Connell**, to come forward and present **Summer F.** with her Certificate of Hive Ownership. Congratulations.

Cathy M. then requested **Erin Mullins**, Mo Honey Queen, to present her portion of the program titled "Snapshot of My Year." **Erin M.** had a very fulfilling, busy year and ended her presentation thanking all who assisted her throughout her reign as Mo State Honey Princess and Mo State Honey Queen. She especially thanked **Wanda Johnston**. **Cathy M.** presented **Erin M.** with a Scholarship from the MBA and a stained glass spinner. **Tara Fisher Barber**, 2008-09 Mo State Honey Queen and **Lillian Misko Panella**, 2010-11 Mo State Honey Queen, were in attendance and were asked to come forward. Each was presented a yellow rose and gave a short speech thanking their specific mentors. Recognition was given to Honey Queen Chairs: Joyce Justice and Wanda Johnston as well as Honey Queen Auxiliary President Dolores Vivian.

Service Appreciation Awards: These were given to the following members:

Cheryl Westra, outgoing Webmaster Officer, for all her hard work and many hours developing our Website and computer service.

Tanya Fisher, outgoing Membership/2nd Vice President Officer, for years of dedicated service to the MBA as Membership Officer and Hospitality Chair.

Roger Wood, for his many articles he wrote on *Basic Beekeeping* for the Newsletter *The Beeline*. **Janice Britz**, Editor of the Newsletter, thanked him and then announced he was not going to be submitting the articles next year and if any other member was so inspired to contact her.

Laura Fish, outgoing Program Officer, assisted **Cathy M.** presenting **Andrea Grimwood** an appreciation award for dedicated service with the IT equipment and facility monitoring for meetings. She was also given an orchid.

Other Awards:

Rick Messenger, Hospitality Chair, assisted **Cathy M.** in presenting **Bob McCarty** the Lifetime Membership Award. As **Bob M.** was unable to attend, **Rick M.** was kind enough to share a few words and humorous stories about **Bob M.** to the attendees.

Stuart Dietz, Nuc Initiative chair, received the Beekeeper of the Year Award along with the coveted Copper Smoker and plaque.

New Business: As the Bylaw Amendments proposed procedure addition had been discussed with the Board in November and passed and was put in the Newsletter for Membership to review prior to this meeting, **Cathy M.** asked for a motion to be made to approve as posted.

Bob Harrison made a motion to approve and **Lou Stanfield** 2nd. Discussion. **Wes Johnston** asked for the subject to be tabled and discussed at a later time. As the subject matter had already been approved by the board, a vote by show of hands was requested by **Cathy M.** 18 approve/13 opposed. This was not a 2/3 majority, and the "motion was lost".

Cathy M. gave her final speech as outgoing President. She had made the beautiful table centerpieces and explained the logic/reasoning behind the 2 sided Honey drops that adorned the ornamental displays on each table. **Cathy M.** extended well wishes and hopes the new President and Officers will grow and benefit as she has.

Bob H. announced that **Glenn Davis** had had a stroke and was not doing well.

Installation of 2016 Officers by Tanya Fisher. As she read the duties required by each Officer, they came and stood before the membership. All Officers were sworn in with right hand raised and "I will". **Tanya F.** then extended the duty requirements of the membership toward the Officers. An "I will" was given from the crowd.

Laura F. assisted **Cathy M.** in presenting the Program Chair position over to **Tom Britz**. His first program announcement was "Small Hive Beetle Management" at the January meeting. **Tom B. and Janice B.** have procured a Freeman Beetle Trap especially for this meeting and it will be given away as a door prize.

Bob Williams, incoming President, presented **Cathy M.**, outgoing President, with a card signed by the Board Members, a gift certificate and a beautiful flower. He thanked her for her years of service as President.

Meeting closed: 4:40

Secretary _____ **Date** _____

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE SUNDAY, JAN. 10, 2016 AT 2:30 AT BASS PRO IN
INDEPENDENCE, MO. HAPPY HOLIDAYS**