

Midwestern Beekeeper's Association

February Meeting Minutes

Date: February 21, 2016 at Bass Pro in Independence, Mo.

Attendance: 99

Open: Meeting called to order ~2:30 by President **Bob Williams** welcoming all and asking if there were any new members present. Introduced MBA Board of Director's/Officers. Asked members who had read the online January meeting minutes, if there were any corrections needed. With no corrections needed, **Hank Strickland** moved to approve January minutes as posted. **Wanda Johnston** 2nd. Show of hands for approval. Minutes are approved as posted online.

Bob W. then reported that the Honey Plants Chair and Librarian Officer positions were open and asked if anyone in the Membership would be interested in either of these positions. **Debbie DeCaigney** volunteered for the Honey Plants position. No volunteer for the Librarian position. He also stated that the club was looking for members to serve on Bylaws Committee. Both **Peter Fish** and **Debbie DeCaigney** volunteered to be on the committee. **Bob W.** thanked them and said hopefully a couple of other members will volunteer to round out the committee.

Per **Bob W.**, the treasurer report will be online now, so we can dispense with formal readings at meetings.

Membership, **Wanda Johnston**, reminded all that membership dues are due.

Reminder announcement about the Beginning Beekeeper's Workshop on March 12th, 2016 at Lakewood Oaks Golf Club. Registration forms at back table or online.

Bob W. said we are going to be putting the library books online soon also.

With no questions, **Bob W.** asked if there was any old business? Announced that **Homer Curtis** has a Slovenian Hive on display at a back table for attendees to look at. **Homer C.** presented this topic at the February Value Added Meeting.

New Business: **Cathy Misko** asked all attending Youth Scholarship Applicants to come forward so the membership could meet them. There were 6 new applicants present. She then asked them to pass out Workshop registration/flyers to the crowd.

Program: **Tom Britz**, programs then introduced our first speaker for the afternoon, **Seth McGraw**, a first year Youth Scholarship Student with his power point presentation titled “Bee or Not to Be.” He was very appreciative of the guidance he received from his mentor **Dan Ball** and a past Youth Scholarship Student, **Kyle Day**. He shared several of his beekeeping highlights as well as some of his more humorous stories. Questions were answered afterwards.

Our next speaker, **Andy Nowachek**, President of NEKBA, shared many more years of knowledge and experience in his presentation “Spring Management and Nutrition.” He stressed the importance of keeping good records to refer back to and learn from. Questions were answered during and after. He also reminded everyone about ‘Fun Day’ put on by the NEKBA on June 4, 2016. An action packed, educational day, fun for all.

Tom B. turned the floor back over to **Bob W.** which both thanked the speakers for such good programs. Door prizes were drawn. **Bob W.** announced The next Nuc meeting would be on Thursday, March 17th ; the next general meeting would be on Sunday, March 20th. He reminded all there was a swarm retrieval list at the back table and to check out our website including the photo gallery. Thanks to all the donors for the door prizes as well as the vendors.

Close: ~4:20.

Secretary_____ **Date**_____

NEXT GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016 AT 2:30 pm AT BASS PRO IN INDEPENDENCE, MO.

