

Midwestern Beekeepers Association

April General Meeting Minutes

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

Attendance: 78

Open: Meeting called to order at 7:00 by President **Bob Williams** welcoming all and introducing Board Members to New Members and guests. He asked if there were any corrections needed to the online March Meeting Minutes. No corrections needed. **Ralph Dickinson** 1st to accept with **Janice Britz** 2nd. March minutes approved to file as posted. He also reminded all that tonight was the first Q & A session for Beginning Beekeepers prior to the General Meeting. It was well attended and several Board Members were available to answer questions. These will be held prior to each General Meeting through October.

Bob W. then announced **John Martin** as our new Librarian to the attendees. He reminded all that the library is now online and gave a quick explanation of how to check out books.

Treasurer report is online for Membership review.

No Membership numbers update at this time, but be sure to pay your Membership dues if you haven't taken care of that yet.

Tom Britz asked attendees to stand, introduce themselves and how many hives they are working with. **Cathy Misko** then took the mic and discussed the upcoming Youth Scholarship Fund Raiser next month. The May Silent Auction and Queen Raffle is a great opportunity to share gently used equipment with new Beekeepers and a chance to requeen for seasoned Beekeepers. The money raised benefits our Youth Scholarship Students Program.

No further old Business.

Tom B., Programs Chair, then introduced **Matt Winstead**, to give tonight's program on 'Swarm Prevention and Demonstration of Bee Package Installation'. His power point and detailed recommendations on swarm prevention tips will be

very beneficial to old and seasoned Beekeepers. His basic demonstration of a Bee Package Installation provided New Beekeepers with the beginning steps to becoming more knowledgeable future Beekeepers. His suggestions/instructions were easy to follow. **Tom B.** thanked **Matt W.** for the educational program.

Announcements:

Tom B. thanked both **Kyle Day** for his presentation of “On the Spot Queen Rearing” and **Stuart Dietz** for his demonstration of a Bee Package Installation at the April 4th Added Value Meeting.

Monday, May 2, 2016, 7:00pm at Bass Pro in Independence, Mo., **John Speckman** will present a program on “Varroa sensitive Hygiene Queens.”

Thursday, May 19, 2016, 7:00pm is the next General Meeting with a presentation from Moonstruck Meadery and our Youth Scholarship Fund Raiser. Don’t forget the 6:30-7:00 Q and A Session prior to the meeting.

Tom B. and **Bob W.** thanked everyone for attending tonight’s meeting and we would close with the door prize drawings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Secretary _____ Date _____

DON’T FORGET THE MAY 19TH MEETING IS THE YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISER WITH THE SILENT AUCTION AND QUEEN RAFFLE.