

Midwestern Beekeeper's Association

March General Meeting Minutes

Date: March 20, 2016, at Bass Pro in Independence, Mo.

Attendance: 125

Open: Meeting called to order at 2:36 by President **Bob Williams** welcoming all. He requested the MBA Board of Director's/Officers to stand as he introduced them. Asked attendees if any corrections were needed to the online February Meeting Minutes. No corrections needed. **Debbie DeCaigney** moved to approve as posted. **Wanda Johnston 2nd**. **Bob W.** asked Secretary, **Cindy Connell**, to file as posted.

Bob W. announced the MBA's Librarian position was still open, if anyone was interested in that position. No one volunteered. He also stated the Library was online now and gave a quick explanation of how to check out books. Reminded all that the Treasurer's report is posted online now, so we would not be giving a formal reading at meetings. He issued a big THANK YOU to all who helped make the March 12, 2016 Beginning Beekeeper's Workshop such a success, especially all who helped put it together. We had a huge turnout and he hoped it was enjoyed by all. **Bob W.** announced the Swarm List was on the back table and reminded those interested that you must be a member to be on the list.

With no questions or old business **Bob W.** turned the floor over to **Tom Britz**, Program Chair, to introduce the first speaker **Laura Fish**, Master Gardener, with her program on *Honey Plants*. An article titled "*Restaurants for Honey Bees*" and "*Poisonous Plants to Honey Bees*" was inadvertently left out of the workshop folder. A copy of the articles was provided to each attendee for reference. **Laura F.'s** power point and guidelines of seasonal Honey Plants were beautiful as well informational. Recommendations and suggestions from experience (including the humorous ones) will be helpful for all. Questions were answered.

Tom B. then introduced **Bill George** of Crooked Hill Beekeeping, who gave a 'hands on' demonstration on "Woodenware Assembly". He began by asking

everyone to turn to their neighbor and introduce themselves while he sat up his demonstration equipment. **Bill G.** gave specific details and recommendations regarding standard dimensions and assembly techniques for quality and durable bee equipment throughout his program. Questions were answered.

Tom B. turned the floor back over to **Bob W.** and both thanked the speakers for such a fine job.

Bob W. reminded attendees that April 4, 2016 at 7:00 here at Bass Pro, would be the next Nuc Meeting and the next General MBA meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at 7:00 at Bass Pro. Drawing for Door Prizes with thanks extended to donors and everyone for attending.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10.

Secretary_____Date_____