

Midwestern Beekeepers Association

July General Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, July 21, 2016 at Bass Pro in Independence, Mo. Q&A session for Beginning Beekeepers, held from 6:30 to 7:00pm prior to General Meeting with **Wes Johnston** providing answers and guidance.

Attendance: 66 at General Meeting.

Open: Meeting called to order at 7:10 by President **Bob Williams** asking for show of hands for any New Members in attendance. There were several and he welcomed all to tonight's meeting. He then introduced Board Members.

Reports: **Bob W.** asked about any corrections needed to June's online minutes. None. **Ed Fagan** moved to accept June Minutes as posted. **Lori Bruce 2nd**.

June Treasurer report online at www.midwesternbeekeepers.org.

Membership dues can be taken care of at back table with **Wanda J.**

Librarian **John Martin**, not in attendance, but **Bob W.** gave a quick explanation of how to check out books online.

Other items available at back table: Hive Lift Brochure, Swarm List signup sheet (must be a member), and a flyer about a Fall Bee Festival to be held Nov 5, 2016.

Dean Sanders was asked to discuss the Mo State Fair signup sheet. **Dean S.** said the Mo State Fair begins Aug 11 and runs through Aug 21. The signup list is for assistance to work the Mo State Beekeepers Association Honey Booth. He has several time slots available if anyone is interested. Contact: **Dean Sanders** at (816)456-4683. Refer to July Newsletter for details.

Bob W. announced it was time to ask for volunteers for a nominating committee for 2017 Officers. Committee Members will be given a copy of MBA Club By-Laws and a current list of Officers and their contacts. No one volunteered at this time.

He then asked folks to introduce themselves to those around them.

With no questions from the floor, **Bob W.** turned the floor over to tonight's Speaker **Robert Hughes** of Jordy's Honey. His presentation included Managing your Honey Supers, Extracting Honey and the Importance of the Correct Moisture Content of Your Honey. **Robert H.** stressed that there are several different ways to accomplish this task, but he was going to discuss the way that works for him. Equipment was discussed as well as technique, with questions answered during and after his presentation. **Bob W.** thanked **Robert H.** for his informative program and then shared names of several connections for custom extractions or equipment if needed. Refer to Newsletter.

Announcements: Sunday, Aug 7, 2016 will be our Annual Picnic to be held at Fleming Park in Blue Springs, Mo from 2:30 to 530. Details in July Newsletter.

Next General meeting to be held Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm following door prize drawings. Thanks to donors for door prizes, everyone for attending and assistance to help put the room back in order.

Secretary_____ **Date**_____