

Midwestern Beekeepers Association

June General Meeting Minutes

Date: June 16, 2016 at Bass Pro in Independence, Mo.

Attendance: 85

Open: Meeting called to order. **Tom Britz** asked if there were any New Members in attendance and welcomed all. Invited all to introduce themselves to those around them. Thanked **Wes Johnston and Wanda Johnston** for answering questions at the Q&A session for Beginning Beekeepers prior to our regular meeting. President, **Bob Williams** then introduced Board Members and asked if any corrections were needed to the online May General Meeting Minutes. **Tom B.** moved to approve the Minutes as posted. **Jim Connell 2nd**. Minutes approved as posted.

Bob W. reminded all the treasurer report is online for review.

Don't forget your Membership Dues payable at the back table to **Wanda J.**

Library is online. Contact **John Martin**, Librarian if interested in checking out or returning a book etc.

As there were no sign up lists at the back table, attendees/members were asked to contact an MBA Officer or **Bob W.** and your name would be placed on the appropriate list per your request. Remember on the Swarm list, you must be a MBA Member.

The floor was turned over to **Tom B.** who introduced tonight's speaker, **Jeffrey Maddox**, President of Beekeepers Association of the Ozarks. His program titled "How to Expand Your Apiary Through Splits and Raising Queens" was both educational and enlightening regarding the techniques he uses to increase the size of his bee yard. Stressing that local bees do best, he encouraged making splits using your best Queens for Genetic selection. References to age old techniques provided educational resources to assist beekeepers with this project. He also said his Power Point was available for any interested in details of his

program tonight. Contact our Librarian, **John M.** to check this out. **Tom B.** thanked **Jeff M.** for his educational program.

Monday, July 11, 2016, 7:00pm: Value Added Meeting at Bass Pro Shop, Independence, Mo. *Herc-U-Lift Beehive Lift Demonstration.*

Thursday, July 21, 2016, 7:00pm: **Robert Hughes** of Jordy's Honey will be the guest speaker.

Sunday, August 7, 2016, 2:30pm: MBA annual picnic. See July Newsletter for details.

Crooked Hill Beekeeping has 10 or 12 hives and 2 Nucs for sell. Contact Crooked Hill Beekeeping for prices and information.

Tom B. adjourned meeting at 8:23, thanked everyone for attending and asked folks to help put the meeting room back in order.

Secretary_____Date_____