

## Midwestern Beekeepers Association

### October General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, October 20, 2016 at Bass Pro in Independence, Mo. Q & A Session for Beginning Beekeepers held from 6:30 to 7:00pm prior to the General Meeting with **Wes Johnston** providing answers and guidance.

**Attendance:** 46 at the General Meeting.

**Open:** **Bob Williams** opened the meeting at 7:00pm welcoming all for attending tonight's meeting. He introduced Board Members and asked if there were any corrections necessary to the online September General Meeting Minutes. No corrections needed. **Janice Britz** moved to approve Sept. Minutes as posted. **John Martin 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Minutes approved and will be filed as posted.

**Bob W.** reminded members that several Board positions were still open and asked for nominations from the floor to fill these positions. **Debbie DeCaigney** nominated **Steve DeCaigney** to fill the 1<sup>st</sup> Board Member position. No other nominations from the floor.

Don't forget to go to the MBA website [www.midwesternbeekeepers.org](http://www.midwesternbeekeepers.org) as the Treasurer's report and the Library are both online as well as the General Meeting Minutes.

**Bob W.** asked folks to introduce themselves to those around them and with no questions from the floor he asked **Tom Britz** to introduce tonight's speaker.

**Tom B.** introduced **Wanda Johnston** giving her presentation on "Oxalic Acid Treatment for Bees". **Wanda J.** uses the "Oxalic Acid Sublimation (vaporizing) treatment to kill Varroa Mites on her bees and was able to go into detail regarding technique and safety components required to treat mites. She explained how to determine if you have an unacceptable number of mites using the powdered sugar roll method and percentages of mites per number of bees. She also explained several other techniques of using Oxalic Acid to rid your bees of this parasite. Questions were addressed during and after the presentation. Thank you **Wanda J.** for this very educational and informational program.

**Tom B.** continued with the door prize drawings to close the meeting. Reminded all the next General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 2:30pm here at Bass Pro. Folks were asked to assist with returning the room back in order.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_