

Midwestern Beekeepers Association

February, General Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, February 19, 2017 in the Conservation room at Bass Pro in Independence, Mo. at 2:35pm following the Q&A Session with **Wes Johnston** .

Attendance: 87

Open: **Bob Williams** welcomed all and stated the meeting would start with some late presentations of awards to a few Board Members. **Wes** and **Wanda Johnston** were presented 'Beekeeper of the Year/Copper Smoker' for 2016. **Wanda J.** and **Cathy Misko** were each presented their Outstanding Service Awards.

Cathy M., Youth Scholarship Chairperson 2016, then introduced **Shelby Copeland**, a 2015 Youth Scholarship Recipient, to present her program titled 'Bees'. **Shelby's** program was followed by **Amelia Schneider**, a 2016 Youth Scholarship Recipient, with her presentation of her 1st year as a Beekeeper. Both programs were well put together and showed how well the students worked with their mentors and the Honeybees. **Cathy M.** then awarded **Shelby Copeland** and **Seth McGraw** each with a Certificate of Ownership and name tag. Three representatives of The Caleb Project, **Dave Butterfield**, **Sarah Butterfield** and **Fred Shoup** from Harvest Home gave a brief presentation of their project and skills developed while working with Honey Bees followed by **Cathy M**, **Cindy C.** and **Jim C.**, presenting a Certificate of Mastery and each a name tag. Congratulations to all. **Cathy M.** asked for a show of hands of Youth Scholarship students and thanked all those who have donated to the Youth Scholarship Fund and introduced **Nita Dietz** as the 2017 Youth Scholarship Chairperson. She asked for show of hands for attendees going to the MBA Workshop and then introduced **Roger Nichols**, who started the Beginning Beekeeper Workshop 22 years ago. **Cathy M.** reminded everyone to keep ears and eyes open for legislation to benefit the Honey Bee as well as the Powell Garden Pollination week in June.

Bob W. introduced several new books both adult and children's available in the MBA Library for members to check out.

Announcements: Swarm list and Pollinator's Program pamphlet at back table.

Wes J. reported that State Fair 1st place winners are being matched \$ for \$ by the State in both individual and group divisions. Grand Champion is to receive a lump sum.

Questions from attendees were addressed prior to ending the meeting and drawing for door prizes.

As meeting was closing, **Bob W.** asked for woodenware craftsmen to bring in projects they would like to share with the membership at the next meeting for 'show and learn'.

Adjourn: 3:45.

Secretary_____ **Date**_____

NEXT GENERAL MEETING MARCH 19,2017 AT BASS PRO AT 2:30PM. DON'T FORGET THE Q&A SESSION AT 2:00PM.