

## **Midwestern Beekeepers Association**

### **March General Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Sunday, March 19, 2017 in the Conservation Room at Bass Pro in Independence, Mo., at 2:45pm following Q&A Session with **Wes Johnston**.

**Attendance:** 55

**Open:** President **Bob Williams** opened the meeting and welcomed all. Reported that our MBA Website was going to be cleaned up and worked on to make it more user friendly and secure. He said today's meeting will consist of a demonstration/film on installing package bees, several beekeepers bringing in their homemade beekeeping equipment/"gadgets" to discuss and a general discussion on beekeeping. Reminded all that the Swarm list was located on the back table (must be a member) and Membership dues could be taken care of at the back table also.

Because of some difficulty with the power point, **Bob W.** started the "DIY "Gadgets" and Hive Parts" portion of the meeting by discussing a Type of Feeder and a Swarm Trap fashioned by **Harold Wright**.

**Bob W.** and **Steve DeCaigney** both brought in their Bee Vacs for viewing and discussion.

A Modified Freeman Bottom Board was displayed and discussed by **Wes Johnston**.

Short break was done by **Stuart Dietz** to view the "Installation of Package Bees" complete with instructions. **Stuart D.** then showed his "Frame Nailing Jigs" and "Florida Moving Screen".

**Wes J.** discussed General Beekeeping information on releasing Queens and beetle traps.

**Matt Winstead** was then asked to come forward and discuss "Nucs used as Swarm Traps" and the dipping process he uses to preserve his woodenware.

Questions were answered throughout the meeting with each product and/or topic. Door prizes were drawn. Thanks to all who donated items and returned room to order.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm.

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