

Midwestern Beekeepers Association

November General Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, November 19, 2017 in the Hemmingway Room at Bass Pro in Independence, Mo. at 2:40pm following the Q&A Session with **Wes Johnston**.

Attendance: 46

Open: President **Bob Williams** welcomed all and introduced each of the 2018 Midwestern Beekeepers Association Officer Nominees: President, **Phil Duncan**; President; 1st VP/Programs, **Dennis Culpepper**; 2nd VP/Membership, **Terry Wright**; 3rd VP/Editor, **Janice Britz**; Secretary, **Cindy Connell**; Treasurer, **Robert Scott**; Auditor, **Robert Burns**; 1st Board Member, **Debbie DeCaigney**; 2nd Board Member, **Steve DeCaigney**; 3rd Board Member, **Harold Wright**; Webmaster, **Bob Williams**; Librarian, **John Martin**. 2018 Midwestern Beekeepers Association Appointed Positions: Youth Scholarship, **Nita Dietz**; Hospitality, **Michelle Williams**; Honey Plants, **Luanne Oneal** (not present); Urban Liaison, **Ezekiel Amador III** (not present). **Bob W.** then asked for a vote by show of hands. Approved 37, opposed 0. All 2018 Nominee Officers/Chairpersons approved. They will be sworn in at the December meeting. **Bob W.** gave recognition to the following: **Kyle Day**, 2018 Mo Honey Ambassador recipient; **Roger Nichols**, 2018 Lifetime Membership Recipient; **Bill and Tammy George**, 2018 Mentor of the Year Recipients. He then announced today's Brainstorm/Discussion meeting in lieu of a regular program.

Cindy C. and Terry W. shared an announcement before the brainstorming started. **Dolores and Ron Vivian** brought in an assortment of old brochures/pamphlets containing Honey recipes and information. They invited everyone to help themselves to them at the back table. The 2018 Mo Beekeepers Calendar is also available at the back table at \$15.00 each. Proceeds made from sale of the Calendars goes to benefit the Youth Scholarship Program.

Janice B. sent out an online survey to all membership. With 61 responses, she requested Members to expand on comments/suggestions made. She started off the discussion by asking if a MBA Membership Directory with name/town/Ph#