

Tri-County Beekeepers Meeting Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Board members Stephanie Johnson, Bob Cross, Dennis Clark and Deb Cross were present. Stephanie called the meeting to order at 7:08. Attendance was approximately 91. Four new members were present and introduced themselves.

Surveys were circulated by Tom Fischer to gather info on overwintering bees and the condition they are in this spring.

Minutes from March were read and approved.

Speaker - Laurie Schneider, Executive Director of **Pollinator Friendly Alliance** presented information on *The Decline of Pollinators and What We Can Do About It*. www.PollinatorFriendly.org has a list of local suppliers that DO NOT use Neonics. There are specific questions to ask stores that sell plants listed in the hand-outs that were displayed on the front table. Questions can be emailed to: laurie@pollinatorfriendly.org

Stephanie stated:

- Demo yard sign-up is here at the front table. Suggestions – package bee install
- Tentative date for package arrival – April 19-20. An email will be send with details. Nucs will be in May.

Committee Reports

- Mary Kivi– library is set up tonight.
- Picnic will be at Mary Tivi's home. Please contact her. Motion made and seconded for 22nd of September from 2-7 p.m. Members should bring something to share for a meal, please label with recipe for allergies. Tables/chairs will be rented.

Discussion

- Mary asked how bees are over wintering and how it is going.
- Member asked for help with what he should save/discard from old equipment. Brad and Charles will coordinate and do a demo.
- Show of hands how many members who have lost all of their bees/75%/50%.
- Member asked if anyone ordered extra bees?
- Vern spoke on qualities of top bar and if they are feasible in Minnesota.
- Request for bees in Meeker County see Bill if interested.
- Honey Pots for sale, \$45. Business card is on front table with details.
- Bee equipment for sale, 10 frames with comb.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance: \$7799.59
+ \$420 for new members
+ \$212.00 Sale of Equipment for auction held in March
+ \$650.00 District 742 (Community Ed Classes)
- \$1258.80 Vern Heise for Scholarships
- \$16.99 Just Hose Web
Ending balance: \$7805.80

Motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.