

## Minutes of July meeting of Tricounty Beekeepers Association

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

Called to order at 7:00 by president Stephanie Johnson

### Treasurer's report-Dennis Clark:

Beginning balance \$7895.80

Expenses- 2017 fair expense to Wendy G. \$120.79

Honey straws \$1148.96

Credits- 2 new members dues \$20.00

End balance \$6646.05

Received receipt from Office Max from Norm Anderson for purchase of new name tags \$26.15

That needs reimbursement -gave to treasurer Dennis Clark

### Secretary's report

- No minutes from last meeting were available because secretary is out of town
- Laura Plantenberg requested that we use microphone for both questions and answers during meetings
- Mark Barrett would like contact information for the U of M student who presented at June meeting
- Paul Theis brought book of past fair information from previous years
- 2 new members were introduced Janet and Kurt Gapinski
- Sarah Doroff made new tablecloths for fair tables and brought them to meeting

### Benton County Fair

- Fair will be July 30th through Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>
- members will meet at Heritage building at 5pm July 29<sup>th</sup> to set up for fair and then will conduct the August meeting after.
- Jason Nyholm has the club's trailer and will bring it to the fair July 29<sup>th</sup>
- Richard Beck will take trailer to his home during fair and bring it back for reloading after
- Trailer needs a new home after fair, several people will check on keeping it at their places, it does not need to be kept inside
- We still need a chair for the fair committee. Please contact Stephanie if you can do this.
- sign-up sheet was passed for people to work the booth at the fair
- Conrad Legatt has an observation box to bring to fair. Paul Theis has one we can use as well.

-Bob Wainright will help with fair.

-Extractor demos will be scheduled at noon and 3pm on Saturday and noon on Sunday. Stephanie will bring extractor to fair

-Vern Heise has done some Bee presentations and offered to do some at fair

-Sarah Doroff has done some presentations and has them on power point and offered to share. She has: Honey Production, Honey by products, first year beekeeping and one other.

-Rick Koetter will give a presentation on first year beekeeping and Jeannette Spitzka will help.

-Stephanie will talk about honey recipes explained.

-We'd like someone to talk about beeswax fabric jar covers

-Bring honey to fair to sell-must have labels that include weight and beekeepers name and address-no random jars please

-Treasurer (Dennis Clark) will check in honey at fair and keep track of sales. Tom Fischer will help Dennis with this task. Vern Heise has prices for honey at fair. He will email list to Stephanie who will forward to all club members.

Paul Theis recommended we have a cash box at fair with some change (approx.. \$120.00) and leave the beginning amount hidden at fair each night but take home all money taken in during the day. At the end of the fair the profits will be deposited. This has worked well in the past.

-It was discussed what to say to fairgoers if club members were asked about the safety of giving honey to infants as these guidelines are currently being reformed. We decided to tell people to ask their doctor before giving honey to infants so that we present a consistent opinion.

#### Scholarship winners

-Carter Hartung spoke about his experiences this year. He hived bees at end of May with help of mentor Tom. He believes his bees swarmed but made a new queen and are doing well now.

-Vern Heise contacts schools in September to recruit scholarship candidates so he needs mentors to step up and volunteer before then (in August).

#### Fall picnic

Mary Kivi spoke about picnic on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will start at 2:30. Meat, buns and condiments will be provided. Please bring sides, salads and desserts to share. Bring plates, forks spoons, napkins and beverage. Adult beverages are OK but you need to bring your own. Call Mary and tell her if you're coming (507-208-1053)

#### New business and questions and comments

-Marty Stone will be a mentor. He also is a contact person for swarming bees. His phone number is 320-293-4305. Marty thought a presentation on identifying a swarm was a good topic for the fair.

-Question how to remove honey from a borrowed brood frame. Leave out side and bees will clean it out, place below hive box with a queen excluder on top and bees will clean it out

-Question how do you use rhubarb leaves for varroa mites. Mary Kivi explained get large leaves and lay right on top of brood frames. These work because of oxalic acid in leaves being toxic to varroa mites.

-Dell Clark wondered if people's supers are filling. Most feel nectar run is late this year and rain makes gathering harder.

-Judy brought some print outs of articles about new laws in Canada and France to protect pollinators by banning specific pesticides. Please take them home and read and then pass on to others.

-Amy Jonas noted that after Paul Theis' talk last month about alcohol wash with easy check device she used it to check her bees and it worked well with her hives and was easy to use

-Wayne Rusch has roman chamomile/coconut oil roll-ons available for treatment of bee stings. Price is \$25 per tube

-Clay White noted that Clearlake elevator is selling out it's line of bee equipment and has some deals. Some of these are not compatible with Mann Lake products.

#### Motion to adjourn

-motion to adjourn was made and seconded and meeting was adjourned at 8:35

Submitted by: Amy Jonas