

Mid-York Beekeepers' Association

Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2019

Minutes adopted on 4/9/2019

Opening

The regular meeting of the Mid-York Beekeepers' Association was called to order at 7:30pm on March 12, 2019 at the Cornell Extension Center of Oneida County, Oriskany NY by President Ken Boyce.

Attendance

Regular Club Meeting; 33 members and 7 non-members attended

Approval of Minutes

With no additions or changes to the December 11, 2018 minutes, motion to dispense reading of minutes and adopt as filed was made by Carol Lasicki. Second by Bob Faulkner. All in Favor.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report was presented by Mike Martino.

Bank balance as of bank statement for February 2019: \$6,810.37

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Dwayne Schieferstine; Second by Jim Morawiec. All in Favor.

Remarks from the President

President Ken Boyce thanked all those that participated in the Beginners and Advanced Beekeeping Courses. It was well attended. Each presenter had shared incredible knowledge and know-how to their topic.

Old Business/Open Issues

1. Bill Crowell Memorial – tree has been planted. Many thanks to Ray Lowe for finalizing the project.
2. Bylaws have been finalized. Secretary Carol Lasicki will type up and Email to the Executive Board and all Officers for final approval. Bylaws will be available for MYBA approval at the next regular meeting scheduled for April 9, 2019.
3. Facebook page has been updated for administration access with President, 1st Vice President and Secretary. It was suggested that the meeting dates/times be posted to the page. It was suggested that members would like the page to be open for others to post to it.
4. Turning Stone Home Show – discussion on the lack of participation from MYBA. In the future the event needs to be better prepared and attended as vendors representing MYBA.
5. Beginners and Advanced classes were well attended. Beginners: 35 people Advanced: 38 people

New Business

1. Observation Hive needs to be replaced as well as the outside hive. Deadline for hive restorations is May 10, 2019 due to elementary school field trips to the center. Observation hive needs to be vibrant and easily observed by young students.
 - a. Dwayne Schieferstine volunteered to restore/refurbish observation hive
 - b. Mike Johnston will supply 3 frames of brood with queen for observation hive

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- c. Need to create a Saturday volunteer pool: Volunteers are needed to monitor outside hive. Open invite to MYBA beekeepers to observe/maintain hive on Saturdays– sign-up sheet will be presented at the April regular meeting for volunteering.
2. Clark Mills Boy Scout Troop wants a beekeeper to talk to the troop about honey bees and what's involved to be a beekeeper. The Scouts meet at the Cornell Cooperative Extension on Saturdays. The presentation should take place during their May 2019 meeting. Dwayne Schieferstine volunteered to do the presentation.
3. Beginning with the April 2019 regular meeting: the 7:00 – 7:30pm time slot will be used as an educational timeslot.
 - a. The April meeting timeslot will be about *Autopsy of a Dead Hive*. Mike Johnston volunteered to bring 2 dead out frames for the discussion.
 - b. Dwayne Schieferstine volunteered to lead the 7:00 – 7:30pm discussion/review on *How to make Splits*.
4. Suggestions for future guest speakers was discussed. The Executive Board will make inquiries as to the availability of these individuals for presenting at future MYBA meetings. Some of the suggestions are:
 - a. Mike Palmer
 - b. Cicero Conservatory
 - c. Richard Ball of Ag & Markets
 - d. Randy Oliver
5. MYBA members suggested putting together a mentors list along with the mentor's location. This list would be used to assist new beekeepers with their beekeeping techniques, education and overall good health to the hives. Sign-up sheet will be offered at the April regular meeting.
6. Farm Fest of Oneida County. May 31, 2019
7. Heb and Flower Festival at the Cornell Ext. will be held June 15, 2019

The meeting concluded with a casual discussion about starting new hives.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Linda Walters. Second by Ole Petersen. All in Favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.

The next scheduled regular meeting is at 7:30pm on **WEDNESDAY, MAY15, 2019** at Cornell Cooperative Extension Center, Oriskany, NY.

Minutes submitted by: Carol Lasicki

Approved by: