

# MEETING MINUTES

## Lincoln Land Bee Keepers Association

*02/09/17 meeting called to order by* President John Jamison

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### Officers in Attendance

Scott Carter, Vice President • Bill Wilson, Secretary • Steve Blickhan, Treasurer

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### Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report

The minutes of the January 12, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed and the Treasurer's report was approved as read.

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### Announcements

1. Scott Carter shared information on his trip to the 2017 North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow in Galveston, TX along with Rich Ramsey, Mike Mason, and Larry Roth.
2. Rich Ramsey announced that he is taking orders for bee packages. Prices are \$110 for two pounds and \$115 for three pounds.
3. Steve Petrilli shared details on the LLBKA-sponsored class during February and Marc at the U of I extension office and Carolyn Gerberding shared information on the alternative class.
4. Carolyn Gerberding announced that an acquaintance has land between Jacksonville and Ashland at which the owner would like to host hives.
5. Dave Tebrugge stated that a birthday party will be held at the Athens Christian Church from 2 – 4 pm on Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> for Raymond Brown. Raymond will be 100 years old. Dave also shared that Raymond is looking for a ride to the LLBKA meetings.
6. Vice President Scott Carter shared the start of a Master Beekeeper Course in Shelbyville. It is a collaboration by the University of Illinois Extension in conjunction with University of Missouri Extension. Scott will be teaching part of the course.

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### New Business

1. President John Jamison clarified that immediate family members within the same household need not pay yearly dues to the LLBKA. They are considered non-voting club members through the primary dues-paying family member. However, they are welcome to pay separate dues in order to gain the right to vote. This policy is only for the LLBKA. If a non-paying member wishes to join the ISBA in addition to their free LLBKA membership, dues must be paid to the ISBA.
2. President John Jamison proposed that the LLBKA sponsor a table at the annual Sangamon County Farm Bureau Foundation Trivia Night. A vote was taken and passed to spend \$100.00 for the sponsorship.
3. President John Jamison announced the formation of a Speaker's Bureau within the LLBKA. This Bureau will primarily be tasked with public information presentations. President Jamison stressed that these presentations will not be opportunities for selling products or other financial gain.
4. President John Jamison brought up the subject of Honorary Memberships to be discussed at a later date.
5. President John Jamison stated that at the next meeting, we would address any issues with the Swarm list and discuss how to improve it.
6. Larry Roth restated that the use of antibiotics in hives with a prescription is prohibited by law. He suggested that the best way to deal with American and European Foul Brood is to pull the frames.

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## Demonstrations

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1. Larry Roth demonstrated how to perform a split.
2. Fred Gerberding demonstrated how to produce comb honey
3. Fred Lipp gave a presentation on Oxalic Acid and Beetle Bee-Gone sheets
4. Frank Heigert presented his horizontal hive.

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## Next Meeting

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03/09/17 • Sangamon County Farm Bureau Building • 2631 Beechler Court, Springfield, IL

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:00 p.m. and was passed unanimously.