

# **Lincoln Land Bee Keepers Association**

## Meeting Minutes

*January 12, 2017*

*Facilitator:* President John Jamison

*Next meeting:* February 9, 2017

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### **I. Pre-meeting**

Prior to the official start of the meeting, President John Jamison led a brief discussion on reports that heating honey make it toxic.

### **II. Meeting**

Meeting was called to order by John Jamison. He, Secretary Bill Wilson, and Treasurer Steve Blickhan gave brief introductions of themselves.

Treasurer Steve Blickhan gave his report.

Secretary Bill Wilson gave his report:

Old business: Election of new officers

New business: New Membership and Visitors forms, \$500 Premium check from the Illinois state fair was received.

Steve Petrilli stressed the importance of getting one's name on the list to order bee packages through Rich Ramsey and circulated a signup sheet to do so. He also announced the Sangamon County Farm Bureau Foundation's Trivia Night Fundraiser on March 25<sup>th</sup>. He stressed the importance of why we should support the event and reminded members that we use the bureau's facilities free of charge.

President Jamison announced the formation of Program and Club History committees.

President Jamison announced that at future regular meetings, we will be hearing from different speakers on the State Fair competitions and how to improve our standings through how-to talks, etc.

President Jamison led a brief discussion on how we will attempt to contact members in the case of a meeting cancelation due to bad weather. It was decided that we will send a group email and post an announcement on the front page of the group's website. Further it was decided to for a way to contact members via smartphone technology.

Jacksonville Buchheit store manager Matt Seabaugh and gave a brief presentation on the relationship of the store and beekeepers in the area and sought comments on how to better his store's service to area beekeepers.

President Jamison announced that a brief discussion by one or more members on the subject of "What I am doing in my apiary right now" will be an addition the regular monthly meeting agenda.

Paul Tilley shared his "What I am doing in my apiary right now" segment by telling us that he is primarily leaving his hive alone, check on them only every two weeks or so. He expects heavy losses in March and stressed the importance of getting on bee package / new queen lists now. He further described how he implement the Mountain Camp Method of feeding. Finally, he is getting an equipment order together.

Frank Thorton said that he is building a "20 or 30-frame Langstroth hove and agreed to share details on it at the February meeting.

Members were allowed to place ideas on the provided suggestion board with various titles.

Dale Brooks demonstrated a working model the hive scale that has been getting much attention on the group emails.

Bill Budd shared the construction and operation of his Observation Hive.

Jay Gaydosh shared his recent sugar brick failure and ultimate success.

Secretary Bill Wilson shared his newly constructed swarm trap.

President Jamison gave a brief explanation of the two personal information sharing questions on the new Membership form.

The monthly door prize drawing was held.

The meeting was adjourned.