

MEETING MINUTES

Lincoln Land Bee Keepers Association

03/09/17 meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President John Jamison

Officers in Attendance

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

Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report

The minutes of the February 9, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed and the Treasurer's report was approved as read.

State Apiary Inspector's Update

State of Illinois Apiary Inspector Larry Roth reported that some beekeepers are still not treating for Varroa Mites and expressed the need for it to be done – especially before making splits.

Announcements

1. President John Jamison welcomed visitors from the current class at the U of I extension
2. President John Jamison announced that tables will be set up in the foyer for members to display any items they would like to share both before and after the meetings
3. President John Jamison shared that longtime member Ken Beachamp has passed away. The club wishes his family well during this time of loss.
4. President John Jamison announced that we are looking for participant for the Trivia Night fundraiser on the 25th for the Sangamon County Farm Bureau Foundation
5. Rich Ramsey announced that packages are coming soon and reminded members to order them ASAP
6. Jay Gaydosh invited others to attend the Lincoln College Creekside Outdoor Education Center Earth Day Celebration is on April 22 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM north of Lincoln. Dr. Campbell is looking for "Pollinators" willing to set up Apiculture displays and, hopefully bring honey related products, candles, etc. One may contact Jay for more information at 217-306-5036.
7. President John Jamison announced that we are re-organizing the Swarm Capture List by location and invited all interested members to send an email to Secretary Bill Wilson for inclusion.
8. President John Jamison announced that we are firming up lists for Mentors and for when the club is contacted for speakers and or products for sale. Vice President Scott Carter reminded us that mentoring is required for the Master Beekeeper program.
9. President John Jamison announced that we are taking suggestions for members that the club may want to honor with Lifetime Memberships.

New Business

1. The 02/09/17 meeting minutes were voted on and approved.
2. The Treasurer's report was voted on and approved.
3. President Jamison announced that we received a 1099 tax form and that we are looking into whether the LLBKA must pay taxes on the funds received from the Illinois State Fair.

4. President Jamison announced that we are investigating the need for some type of corporate insurance.
5. President Jamison asked any members that may be in possession of LLBKA equipment report it to Secretary Bill Wilson for inventory purposes.
6. Treasurer Steve Blickhan motioned to send Randy Oliver \$200.00 to help fund his research. The motion was seconded and passed a vote by the body at large.

Demonstrations

1. Dr. Becky Green gave a presentation on the EpiPen – how and when to use it.
2. Larry Roth gave a brief talk on what to look for in a hive now. He said to be sure there is an adequate supply of food for the bees. He also stated that we should be reversing the brood boxes around Easter. He also told us that a solid patch of Drone cells indicates a swarm will happen soon. He then described a “Walk-Away” split. Finally, he reminded us all to treat for Varroa Destructor and recommended Oxalic Acid treatments.
3. Carolyn Gerberding demonstrated how to manipulate comb to get the bees to create artwork.
4. Tim Lindley of Big T’s Honey Farm gave a brief talk on his business.
5. Scott Carter demonstrated using the *Bee-Bus*
6. Trever Falkner demonstrated a screed bottom board nuc of his own design that accommodates a layer of Diatomaceous Earth to aid in small hive beetle control.
7. Phil Harms demonstrated how to construct and mount a swarm trap

Closing

The meeting was called to a close at 9:00 p.m. by President John Jamison

Next Meeting

04/13/17 • Sangamon County Farm Bureau Building • 2631 Beechler Court, Springfield, IL

Motion to adjourn