

# North Okanagan Bee Keepers

## January 22, 2018

### Minutes

1. Welcome 6:30pm
  - Dan welcomed all to our meeting – enjoy the potluck food – wear a name tag
  - about 30+ members were present and enjoyed plenty of food
  - reminder about 50/50 tickets
  
2. Vendor Showcase: Robertson Fait from 9 Hives Beekeeping came to give us a talk about his beekeeping equipment for sale, Black Mountain– mostly N. American made, new item: deep observation hive with 4 sides plexi-glass. Visit website at [9hives.com](http://9hives.com)
  
3. Conference Overview “Bee Better”
  - a. Thank you again for wonderful conference
  - b. Survey responses: Dan gave us a brief report of the positive feedback – all was good and excellent – 45% were beginner/intermediate beekeepers
  - c. Profit Sharing 27/75 - \$4000+ after we paid for club registrations from our club members – Still a few loose ends to tie up – Gary will look after this
  
4. Business:
  - a. Adopt Minutes – November 20 minutes will be posted online soon
  - b. Membership Fees: BCHPA or \$20 to local club
    - i. BCHPA will rebate our local club \$10 if you register before Jan 31!
  - c. Regional Report – Rick Plantinga
    - i. Nectar Trail – some talk of making this happen in Kelowna
    - ii. Blueberry pollinating – concerns over putting bees in blueberries – bees not healthy afterwards – some research is starting
  - d. December Party Social Event at Planet Bee in Vernon – Keith Rae gave us a report of a good snowy evening, mead sampling, tour, etc.
  - e. Keith Rae: possible partnership with Okanagan College (OC) with supplying 5-10 hives on OC property with Culinary Arts Program in exchange for free meeting space, etc, discussed hurdles (who will look after hives, costs for hives?, etc) Club ok’ed Keith to look further into it.
  - f. Semi-Annual Meeting in Kamloops – March 9-10, 2018, great topics, car pool with someone
  - g. Spring Field Day – great interest from club members – need a location please

- h. Annual Club Elections:
  - President: Nominated and elected: Keith Rae
  - Vice President: Nominated and re-elected: Kevin Hamilton
  - Secretary: Nominated and re-elected: Doug Sader
  - Treasurer: Nominated and re-elected: Carol Harvey
  - New Position: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Nominated and elected: Gary Trepanier
- e. New Business From Members:
  - i. ideas from members about possible guest/topics:
    - April- Kevin & Tim Swarm presentation
    - rendering wax
    - Nectar Trail info: Nancy Holmes UBCO
    - Liz & Terry Huxter from Grand Forks- overwintering nucs
    - any other ideas please e-mail to any club executive member
  - ii. Need Nucs?
    - Argentina Bees? From Agri-Supply
  - iii. question from floor: What can I plant on my 5 acres?
    - club members gave lots of answers- talk to Sheila at next meeting.
    - Clover? Russian sage?
  - iv. Club Library – Keith will bring the library for members to borrow books, please return all other books

5. Guest Speaker: Dan Mawson

- gave us a State of the Union of the past 4 years as Dan as Club President
- thank you Dan for the many new and fresh ideas for our club, website, guests, location change, hosting conferences, etc.
- an expression of thank was given to Dan as he and his wife are moving to Creston, BC
- James expressed interest in maintaining website

Presentation: Kona Queens – Kona, Big Island, HI

- Dan shared with us his recent trip to Hawaii and to Kona Bees
- a fabulous and interesting place where they raise up to 13,000 queens a week!
- all year round production of queens
- 42 employees
- 125 bee yards on island, 30,000 nucs
- open mated queens
- amazing operation and wonderful slides shown by Dan

7. 50/50 draw – winner Gary T. enjoyed \$39.00

8. Next Meeting: **Monday, February 19, 2018** 7 pm at KCS Library

9. Adjourned 9:00pm