

# North Okanagan Bee Keepers

## May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Minutes

#### 1. Welcome 7:04 p.m.

Keith welcomed all to our meeting

-27 people were present, 3 or 4 new people

- reminder about 50/50 tickets

-Keith gave out a Welcome Letter to new attendees outlining a few things about our club

#### 2. Discussion

##### a. contact bee pesticide applicators:

-Keith created letter, showed letter to members and looked good

-members can add info to website regarding swarm list

##### b. swarm list on website:

-discussion centered around those who are club members only

-discussion ensued about how to get various types of swarms/hives out of difficult locations

-careful about removing swarms from structures, inside walls, etc.

-Keith explained his custom-made bee vacuum

##### c. Kamloops Field Day report:

-75 people there, Keith went and showed pictures from event

-various topics at event including making own foundation- bees wax

##### d. Buckerfield's event:

-event at Buckerfield's had 30 people

-1.5 hour long, everyone had a good time

-received \$150 in gift cards

#### 3. Business:

##### a. Adopt Minutes – April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting

##### b. Membership Fees: BCHPA or \$20 to local club

-BCHPA will rebate our local club \$10 if you registered before Jan 31<sup>st</sup>

-BCHPA also includes publication: Bee Scene

##### c. AFB EFB Disease Survey

-any suspicious activity: ship off to prov. Lab

-check provincial website for info

-research going on to record various strains into a Canadian database

##### d. Disease book for sale – every beekeeper should have one! \$15.00

--talk to Keith or Carol

- e. Facebook Page:
  - we should be setting up a Facebook Page soon for all members to participate, chat, and ask for help and advice
- f. Spring Field Day – OC bee yard set up
  - Debbie will host the temporary yard until OC yard can be set up
  - if you have anything to donate, please contact Keith
- g. Names on swarm list:
  - discussed earlier: members only!
- h. Day of the Honey Bee – date was changed to Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>
  - no space was available to us for the previous Sat date
  - talk to Carol about volunteering
  - remind Bob Chisolm about date change for his observation hive
- i. IPE Fair
  - reminder to enter your products for IPE coming up in September
  - many categories to choose from
  - need volunteers for honey event, for display, 4 hr. sessions
  - Keith is judging honey
  - honey event will be located in horticultural wing, August 3 is deadline for Honey entrants
  - IPE honey link:  
<https://www.armstrongipe.com/exhibitors/prize-book/>
- j. Regional Report: Rick Plantinga
  - no reports back from blueberry pollination issues
- k. New Business:
  - Rob from 9 Hives also brought in great raffle prize.
  - Ticket #7632 won by Chris B.
    - new items from 9 Hives: Plexiglas-sided deep super –brought one and showed club
  - Keith working on a vaporizer
    - using legal oxycylic acid, about 20 sec per hive
    - oxycylic acid: use when broodless, hard on bees, effective for mite control
    - usually in November
- 4. College Update:
  - slow but steady progress
  - call for donated items for our new OC Bee Yard
- 5. Guest Speaker: Keith Rae, Hive Population and Dynamic Growth
  - Keith shared with us great and informative talk

5. 50/50 draw – ticket #967246 \$42.00

6. Next Meeting: Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at Okanagan College Cafeteria

-1000 KLO Road, Kelowna

-see map, we will be in building F

-easiest parking will in lots 6 & 3 (*see map*)- it is free parking in evenings.

link to map:

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7. Adjourned 8:49 p.m.