

North Okanagan Bee Keepers

Sept. 17, 2018

Minutes

1. Welcome at 7:04p.m.

Keith welcomed all to our meeting

-25 people were present, 3-4 people new

- reminder about 50/50 tickets

-Keith passed around the email address

-Keith introduced Vincent from OC and Vincent welcomed us to OC

2. Discussion

a. adopt minutes from May 14th

-Motion from Rick, seconded by Kim, carried and accepted

b. IPE Report - Keith

-Keith shared with us about the IPE and the booth

-he shared a brief history of Bee Keepers at IPE

-showed us some pictures of event and displays

c. Bee Excellence Convention and Trade Show

-good speakers at Conference

-Chris B. is planning to go

-check it out: victoria.beeexcellence.ca

-location: The Union Club

805 Gordon Street, Victoria, BC

3. Business:

a. Adopt Minutes – May 14th, 2018 meeting

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

-BCHPA will rebate our local club \$10 if you registered before Jan 31

-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

-James will work on it, sorting out details of getting it set up

f. Opportunity for Education

- 4H club asking for member(s) to do a bee talk to young 4H members
- contact Dianna Dore at 250-765-0164
- Smiley N. & Rick P. & James A.

g. Day of the Honey Bee – date was changed to Wednesday, May 30th

- no space was available to us for the previous Sat. date
- hard to get volunteers on a weekday, so we cancelled it

h. IPE Fair

- thanks for your support, etc.

i. Regional Report: Rick Plantinga

- no reports back from blueberry pollination issues
- most information in the newest BeeScene magazine

i. New Business:

- introduced new Regional Bee Inspector:
- we welcomed Stephanie Taylor
- need help? Call her at 250-808-7162

- Question came up about Vernon's Bee Bylaw in the news
- discussion about what City of Kelowna is doing
- officially: no bee hives allowed as bees are lumped together with the backyard chickens, ducks, etc. bylaw, therefore hard to change bylaw
- un-officially: be a good neighbor, no more than 2 hives, in addition be wary of flight path and visibility of hives
- discussion among club members about if we should pursue and action on changing Kelowna's bylaw, starting to get ball rolling or not
- discussion went back and forth with upcoming civic election and new councilors
- decided not to do anything quite yet as there has been no problems with any club members so far

4. College Update:

- met in new location this meeting, room was a bit crowded
- parking at OC is free at night. Park in front or at back lots with no worries
- OC Hive Equipment Update:
 - many items have been donated, extractor, smoker, hive tool, 2 frame grips, some wax foundation, wood frames, some inner and a top
 - we still need bottom boards, covers, and inner covers
- have enough for 3 hives to take into winter

5. Guest Speaker: Keith Ray, Preparing Hives for Winter
 - Keith showed some slides and discussed a few items:
 - is it worth it to overwinter? Some let their hives go and start fresh each year
 - is your hive strong? Disease free?
 - location of your hive: protection, winds, animal protection, sun exposure
 - plan for your winter, mite load, preparing for mite treatment, formic acid,
 - moisture control: wicking material, top entrance, insulation top, reduced entrance, check for wind
 - wrapping and insulation: draft control, hive wraps, no one right way

5. 50/50 draw – ticket #253 wins \$35.00 for Carol!
 - other prize: #203 Kevin won a bottle of mead!

6. Next Meeting: Monday, October 15th 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
 - link to map:
[https://www.okanagan.bc.ca/Assets/Departments+\(Administration\)/Registrar\\$!27s+Office/Become+a+student/Kelowna+Campus+Map+2017.pdf](https://www.okanagan.bc.ca/Assets/Departments+(Administration)/Registrar$!27s+Office/Become+a+student/Kelowna+Campus+Map+2017.pdf)

7. Meeting adjourned shortly after 9 p.m.