

# North Okanagan Bee Keepers

## Oct. 15, 2018

### Minutes

#### 1. Welcome 7:01pm

Keith welcomed all to our meeting

-26+ people were present, 3-4 people new

- reminder about 50/50 tickets

-Keith passed around the email address

-Keith again thanked club members for bringing honey for the OC Culinary program to sample and use

-Keith also thanked chef Vincent Stufano for the informative tour of the OC kitchens last meeting

#### 2. Discussion

a. Adopt Minutes – Sept 17, 2018 meeting, motion James, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin, passed

b. Bee Excellence Convention and Trade Show

-good speakers at Conference

-Chris B. is planning to go and will give us report on it

#### 3. Business:

a. Adopt Minutes – Sept 17, 2018 meeting, motion James, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin, passed

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- reminder

-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

-go to FB and search **North Okanagan Beekeepers** and ask to join

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

- g. What should we be doing to our hives now?
  - Rick: -formic acid should now be done
  - check entrances, should be using small entrance now
  - check hive- if pollen= good brood
  - wrap hive – protect from wind
  
- h. IPE Fair – honey judging
  - if you're interested, please talk to Keith
  
- i. Regional Report: Rick Plantinga
  - AGM coming up
  - lifted quarantine on AB bees
  - reported wasp problems in Kootenay/Terrace area
  
- i. New Business:
  - request for ideas for future meetings:
    - Elizabeth Ellie: pollination status
    - Industry guests – have guests from larger operations
    - Nancy Holmes?
  
- 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
  - 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
  - will buy more items in the Spring such as nucs, bees, etc
  
- 5. Guest Speaker: Ian Farber on wax rendering and beeswax candles
  - Ian gave us an appreciation for the complexities of making quality beeswax candles
  - Ian shared with us a brief history of wax castings and wax painting, preserving images
  - world's beeswax: cosmetics 35-45%, pharmaceuticals 25-30%, candles 20%, minor uses 10-20%
  - change your frames every 5 years
  - talked about how wax is made in the bee which was interesting
  - 8lbs honey = 1lb wax
  - young bees need pollen to make wax
  - wax is made up of 300 components

-Ian demonstrated a live pouring of candles using safe methods  
-talked about various types of wicks  
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6. Keith then demonstrated some of his wax melters and methods, and dipping

7. 50/50 draw – ticket #351 \$58.00 to Ehad!

8. Next Meeting: Monday, December 10 or 19 (?) 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:

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9. Adjourned 9:18 pm      James motion, Kevin 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed