

North Okanagan Bee Keepers

November 19, 2018

Minutes

1. Welcome 7:03pm

- Keith welcomed all to our meeting
- 21 people were present
- reminder about 50/50 tickets
- Keith passed around the email address

2. Discussion

- Adopt Minutes – Oct 15, 2018 meeting, James motion, Chris 2nd Kevin, passed
- Thank you to Ian Farber for excellent talk last meeting on wax and candles
- Honey Extractor: Club/OC owns one: talk to Keith about borrowing it

3. Business:

- Adopt Minutes – Oct 15, 2018 meeting, James motion, Chris 2nd Kevin, passed
- 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
- 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
- Disease book for sale – every beekeeper should have one! \$15.00
 - talk to Keith or Carol
- 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
 - 15 members so far
- 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 tried to get a hold of her
 - more details: June 2019, 4 x 1 hr sessions, approx. 75 kids each session, younger age

- g. What should we be doing to our hives now?

 - h. Financial Report: Carol
 - is on holidays right now, will report next meeting

 - i. Regional Report: Rick Plantinga
 - nothing new right now

 - j. New Business:
 - elections next meeting, Jan '19, 2nd Vice is open since Gary had to leave beekeeping
 - Chris B report from AGM Victoria:
 - great conference, top notch speakers
 - good networking, fun, motivational, inspiring, gave club a good review of some of the activities
 - Dr. Shelley Hoover talked about protein patties for build up
 - she researched which patties were best, no definitive conclusion
 - discussed trapping bee pollen for profit
 - a Quebec speaker: 1500 hives, discussed his business
 - organic honey, \$2 M a year, organic buckwheat
 - many more speakers
 - honey samples for data base of Canadian honey, regards to purity of honey, etc, geographic nature of Canadian honey
 - more info at [BC Beekeepers.com](http://BCBeekeepers.com)
 - next **AGM**: Prince George in early October, 2019
 - next **semi-annual**: Kamloops: March 22/23, 2019 Coast Kamloops Hotel register at BCHoneyproducers.com
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4. College Update:
 - will buy more items in the Spring such as nucs, bees, etc
 - let Keith know if you have nucs for sale in spring
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5. Guest Speaker: Doug Gordon
 - sadly was sick just moments before meeting
 - in place, we were happy to have **Joe Lomond** attending club meeting today from Kamloops and was happy to share some thoughts with us:
 - 40+ years in beekeeping, has hosted many field days
 - talked about mites: mites do not kill bees, makes them sick and weak,
 - kill your mites in Aug/Sept, formic acid + Apivar (Feb/March)
 - pollen patties- mid Feb/March then split them, if wanting to split hive
 - if not splitting, just use sugar water

- he uses Hawaiian Queens “Kona Queens” through Bee Maid, about \$40 each
 - talk to Bob Chisholm (our local club) for more info
- discussed about making splits and nucs
- he doesn't wrap his hives in winter, just 2" Styrofoam lids
- screen bottom board and just blocks it out a little for winter
- got AFB = fire and torch! –don't mess around with it!
- discussed many other topics and other many hints:
 - don't open hives too much
 - see pollen coming in? = new bees
 - once you start feeding, don't stop then you must split
 - feeding pollen patties: bees grow quicker, if pollen patty is still there, your queen may be gone
 - feed your bees sugar water either 1:1 or 2:1
- thank you Joe for giving us an unscheduled talk!

7. 50/50 draw – ticket #7373 \$31.50 to Joe

8. Next Meeting: Monday, January 21 at Okanagan College Cafeteria **6:30 special time!**

-annual Potluck feast, bring an item to share, hot or cold!

-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 8:45 pm Keith motion, Chris 2nd, carried