

# North Okanagan Bee Keepers

## November 19, 2018

### Minutes

#### 1. Welcome 7:03 p.m.

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

#### 2. Discussion

- Adopt Minutes – Oct 15, 2018 meeting, James motion, Chris 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 for booklet
- 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. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice is open since Gary had to leave beekeeping due to severe allergies to bee venom
  - 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](http://BCHoneyproducers.com)
  
- 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
  
- 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 strips (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 to Joe for giving us this unscheduled talk!

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

8. Next Meeting: Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, carried