

North Okanagan Bee Keepers

November 18, 2019

Minutes

1. Welcome everyone at 7:00 pm

Keith welcomed all to our meeting

-approx. 23 people were present

- reminder about 50/50 tickets and name tags

-Keith passed around the email address clipboard

2. Business:

a. Oct 21st minutes were handed out, motion to accept: Rick, seconded by James, carried

b. noted that October Minutes were modified due to IFA funding and program restrictions due to our website being open to more than just our own members

c. Membership Fees: \$40 BCHPA or \$20 to local club

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

-BCHPA also includes publication: Bee Scene

-reminder: when registering, always click on the club you belong to: "North Okanagan Bee Keepers"

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

-talk to Keith or Carol

e. AFB/EFB Disease Survey – they're still checking for resistance

f. Facebook page: is being used by over 150 members and beekeepers and is being used well by members asking questions and posting ideas/pictures.

Beekeeping related links can be posted there as things posted to the website costs us in server space and data bandwidth when it is accessed.

Be sure to check out our **Facebook** page: search North Okanagan Beekeepers

g. Regional Report: Rick Plantinga

-encourage to be a member before Jan 31st and to indicate that you're from North OK Bee Keepers

-seminars will be online soon from Prince George AGM

-will try to get extra copies of BeeScene to hand out to our club guests

-current weather is warm, so watch in Spring for feeding

-thank you Rick for your diligence and work on the Regional events and news

f. h. New Business/Information:

1. Local honey samples are still being requested for testing/research. See Provincial website for more details: <https://bchoneyproducers.ca/new->

[website/](#) and <https://bchoneyproducers.ca/honey-samples-wanted-for-nmr-testing/>

2. Bee operations for sale: Brainy Bee (Bob and Kay), Arlo's Honey (Helen Kennedy), Bill's Honey farm, Bill R. Joe Lomond is selling hives in the spring \$400 2 deep with bees
3. Club Potluck:
 - our popular and traditional post-Christmas January Pot-luck needs modifying due to OC room rental rules which do not allow food
 - upon discussion, we will have a "Spring Fling" or a "Spring Buzz" tailgate BBQ at our own apiary where it will be warmer and be able to enjoy our beautiful OK Spring.

3. College Update:

- still working on trying to get a storage shed
- Chef Vincent has retired from OC, so meeting space is being moved to a classroom where access and security is covered by campus security after hours
- Okanagan College room rental update:
 - room rental at first tied with OC Culinary Program, had a working relationship with Culinary Arts program, but Chef Vincent retired from OC thus changing format of understanding with our Club
 - our Club must now rent officially from OC \$75/month for monthly meetings but OC Culinary Program will pay for 'their' honey equal to our monthly meeting costs

a. College Hive Project/Report: Bee Shed

- still looking for big box steel container
- honey that was sold at IPE (\$1,200.00) will be used towards purchase

4. a. Speakers:

James and Rick

- tribute to Smiley Nelson, who suddenly passed away at age 91
- James presented a touching slideshow to the club, who expressed their fond memories from the pictures James showed. Thank you, James
- Rick also spoke and gave a heartfelt tribute about Smiley similar to the one he presented at Smiley's funeral. Rick wrote a wonderful article about Smiley for the next issue of BeeScene
- club members also expressed their memories and thoughts for Smiley, who would never turn down anyone who needed help; he will be missed by our club!

b. Vic McDonald

- show and tell time
- presented some great ideas and inventions of how to control yellow jackets (*wasps*)
- he showed and suggested various ways to help control them with various methods, thanks, Vic!

c. Keith Rae

- commented on honey crystallization this year, seemed different from other years
- sugar content higher this year? (fructose/glucose/sucrose)
- H₂O content higher?

d. from club members:

- various discussions:
- freezing liquid honey will stay liquid
- crystallization will happen at 58° F
- discussed fake honey, etc, rules about labelling, etc
- pollen trap questions, which ones are good?

6. 50/50 draw – ticket #882: \$31.00 to Audrey

- donated from Vic: yellow jacket catcher: winner #885 Carmen
- thank you Vic for your donations

7. Next Meeting: **Monday, January 20, 2020 OC College**

- 1000 KLO Road, Kelowna
- exact classroom location TBA, watch for emails for room locations

8. Adjourned approx. 9:00 pm