

*Do to the web site being open to anybody these minutes have had some financial items redacted. And were made available by hand out at the Nov 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting. North Okanagan club members can get a copy of the unredacted minutes at the next meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020, if they wish.*

North Okanagan Bee Keepers

October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

## Minutes

1. Welcome 7:05 pm

Keith welcomed all to our meeting

-approx. 25 people were present

- reminder about 50/50 tickets and name tags

-Keith passed around the email address clipboard

2. Business:

a. May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting Minutes was presented at this time as posted.

Kim adopted minutes, Chris B seconded, carried

b. September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting Minutes was presented at this time as posted.

Carol adopted minutes, Phil seconded, carried

c. **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**

-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! \$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

-Fumagillin now is available once again through Bee Maid to treat Nosema

f. h. New Business/Information:

Local honey samples are still being requested for testing/research. See Provincial website for more details

3. College Update:

-still working on trying to get a storage shed for upcoming Okanagan to club

-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

-Keith will email a notice of location as soon as he knows, watch for signs on the cafeteria doors, may want to come a few minutes earlier to allow for time to find new room

-Our traditional January Club Potluck is in question due to OC policy of no food in classrooms – Keith will further investigate

a. College Hive Project/Report:

-ran 8 hives in 2019 started from nucs

-extracted just under 300 lbs

-The North Okanagan Beekeepers club set up the apiary with buying bees and equipment, as well as some equipment has been donated.

-we have equipment to expand the bee colonies to over 10 hives, still need compatible bottom boards. Keith, Rick and James extracted some plywood to make bottom boards

-with purchase and donations of some equipment, the club has 2 extractors, a manual 4 frame extractor that we will lend out to club members and an electric 12 frame

-we have secured some great deals, traded services, received some donations in setting up the Club/College Aprairy

#### b. Bee Shed

-still looking for big box steel container

-Donated honey that was extracted during the extraction demonstration was sold at IPE some of these funds will be used towards it's purchase.

#### 4. Speaker: Brad Ingram

-Brad demonstrated wrapping for the winter

- he moved the frame feeder to opposite side of the bottom entrance

-he showed us his newly developed top box moisture control winter unit

where he has wood shavings to act as a moisture control and insulator

-they're working on a wasp control trap for under the hive

#### 5. Speakers: Keith Rae

-talked about how Amina Harris gave an interesting talk and demonstrations on honey and mead at AGM

-talked about honey, straining, labelling requirements and marketing

-discussed about various honey colours and grades of your honey

6. 50/50 draw – ticket: \$38.00 to Kevin H.

7. Next Meeting: Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 OC College

-1000 KLO Road, Kelowna

-exact classroom location TBA

8. Adjourned approx. 9:00 pm