

Clarksville Montgomery County Beekeepers Association

Date: 3 February 2018, Monthly Meeting Minutes / Meeting called to order at 9:30am

Location: Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library

Members present: See attached Sign in roster

Introductions: Visitors were welcomed and introduced themselves, the President introduced herself and read our mission statement.

Approval of minutes: Minutes from January were read & accepted.

Finance Report: Finance Report for the month of January were read & accepted.

Old Business:

- February 4th, 2 hive grants will be picked up from Tennessee Beekeeping Association (TBA). One (1) additional hive grant kit will be purchased by CMCBA for a total of three (3) grants will be awarded, by lottery if more than three people sign up.
- Hive grant recipients will be selected at the 3 March 2018 CMCBA meeting. The 2018 requirements will be used to determine eligibility. Hive Grant Agreements and requirements have been voted on and accepted for 2019, there are some differences. Hive grant applicants who are not selected for 2018 may be eligible in 2019. Details will be posted at cmcba.com
- Second reading of CMCBA Youth Group Plan & CMCBA Youth Group Mentor Agreement by the Finance Officer (Maggie Pontsler). Changes to all documents were studied and approved.
- Youth Beekeeping Program hive location - No word yet on the state park welcoming our hives and youth group to their property. Other locations were considered. The Vice President (Roger Stewart) offered his land. All agreed this would be a good option, should the state not respond in time to establish the hive.
- CMCBA Honey extractor status – The President (Shelley) is still waiting on information from the state regarding the extractor. She plans to email the individual monthly, and provide a time limit. If no decision is made for us, we will sell the extractor. Time period was not decided.

New Business:

- Youth beekeeping mentors will be required to have annual child safety training. Members voted to welcome DCS to conduct a training on the first Saturday of March at our regular meeting place in the library, from 9-10, before our regular meeting. Additionally free online training will be available.
- The Dotsonville Community Center has asked us to have a booth at their Health Fair on Saturday, March 31st, from 9-1pm, and present healthy products from bees.

Guest Speaker: Roy Mack taught the *2018 CMCBA Beginning Beekeeper Course* the beginner beekeeper course, class ended at 11:50.

Open Floor Discussion:

A visitor asked if there was a program for veterans to start beekeeping, he had heard there was. Officers were unaware of such a program, but Roger Stewart offered to call Charlie Jordan from Circle J Ranch to find possible leads, Maggie Pontsler offered to contact Bill Moore, who teaches beekeeping at Austin Peay for any info.

An experience from a family member of Maggie Pontsler was shared. This family member experienced anaphylactic shock after tasting a local honey in CA. After extensive allergy testing, no allergies to pollens or stinging insects were found. After calling her health dept, (Riverside) Agricultural Commissioner's Office, the beekeeper, and Health Dept, she was told to have it sent to a lab. The lab requires liters of honey. She has hit a dead end. How can we help?

A member suggested that perhaps belladonna or foxglove pollen were present. James Lenske suggested watching the movie, "Rotten" on Netflix which gives contact info or names of labs that are designed to test foods for various diseases or toxins. He also said that The American Bee Journal may have helpful articles. Another member suggested contacting the Pollinator Stewardship Council for guidance. University of TN may have a lab available for testing.

Nicole Royce (ready to join as a member) has a friend with 10 acres in the Sango area that she would like to have someone place hives on.

Door Prizes drawn, Meeting adjourned by the President

Minutes were scripted by the Finance Officer (Maggie Pontsler) and transcribed by the Secretary (Billie Zeveney)

Approval: *Original signed*

Signed by President or Presiding Officer