

Clarksville Montgomery County Beekeepers Association

Date: 3 March 2018, Monthly Meeting Minutes / Meeting called to order at 1003

Location: Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library

Members present: See attached Sign in roster

Approval of minutes: Minutes from the February 2018 meeting read & accepted.

Finance Report: Finance Report for the month of February 2018 read & accepted.

Introductions: 1st time attendee's, "Wanna-Bee's", "New-Bee's"

Old Business:

- CMCBA Honey extractor status – pending response from state to determine fine outcome of extractor. Local beekeeper has offered to purchase it if authorized.
- Youth group mentorship classroom instruction 1100, 1st Saturday of the month @ Clarksville Montgomery County Public Library, first session 7 April 2018.
- March 30 Dotsonville community center health fair
- April 21 4th annual natural living fair, Becky Harris donated the fees for a table. Volunteers are needed. Perfect opportunity for Grant recipients to get hours.

New Business:

- Recommendation to update the website so that mentors for the youth group could sign up for specific dates. Both classroom and field.
- Final Location of the Youth group mentorship field instruction 1100, 3rd Saturday of the month location provided at the 1 Sat of the month class, 1st session 21 April 2018.
- Proposal of a pollinator art contest sponsorship for the community. Additional information requested prior to approval.
- Swarm season - If you want your name on the swarm map as swarm season approaches ensure your dues are up-to-date with the Finance Officer, Maggie and that Becky know and she will add you.
- Proposed using the May Meeting as the annual fun and learning day at Dotsonville Community Center

Announcements:

Drivers Apiaries on hybrid bees for sale & Roy on the Tennessee Beekeeping

Guest Speaker:

Roy provided feedback for the Tennessee Beekeepers Association Spring Board Meeting. Losses from each region, State Apiarist reports 36,000 known colonies 70% mortality rate. Fall conference will be held 12-13 October. State is working on software to list locations of

all registered hives for protection from pesticide applications. Dr Skinner has retired, Mike Wilson is filling in until a new hire. Mike Studer is working with TDEC Parks Division on a proposal to place a beehive at each of the state parks in Tennessee. Cost is 1000 per hive. Motion was made for TBA to purchase the first 5 hives, to be voted on at the Fall Conference.

Open Floor Discussion:

Open up your hives on warm days and check the health of the colony. Look for brood, collection of pollen, food stores.

Feeding as an option, dry sugar, sugar water ratios 2:1 or 1:1 weather dependent.

Door Prizes drawn, Meeting adjourned by the Vice-President

Respectfully submitted, Billie Zeveney

Approval: ___ ORIGINAL SIGNED _____

Signed by President or Presiding Officer