

Douglas County Bees

March 4, 2020

Type of Meeting: Monthly Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Jack

31 members and 6 guests were in attendance

Minutes from last meeting were approved without changes.

Treasurer's Report – \$3783.19

New Business

Dawn Whit requested the club donate an item to the Veteran's celebration. Donating bees was not thought to be a good idea because we did not know who would get them. Honey was also suggested. Jack will pay for a basket that Dawn will put together for the club donation.

Jack suggested an article that lets bee keepers know what to look for when inspecting the underside of your hives and frames because those areas are generally overlooked.

beeinformed.org/2020/01/31/look-down/

Another article was mentioned concerning stealing hives, generally from the larger yards which can amount to large sums of money for the owners. This is also being reported in the Medford area as well as the Willamette Valley. The thieves have been asking landowners to be able to put bees on their property.

Old Business

Jack is paying for a 5x10 foot storage locker at Tom Thumb storage located at 3221 NW Edenbower Blvd. Once the unit is set up a combination lock will be used and the combination available for club members. The club voted to authorize Jack to pick up some shelves for the locker.

The subject of club attendance at shows and events was discussed. The same small group of members have been volunteering for the events. It was voted to limit the club presence at the annual plants sell and the fair with the glide wildflower show added.

The Myrtle Cr. cutout bees died over the winter but the owner of the property wants his bees. The owner will at least get his hardware back.

There was another short discussion about ordering a pallet of Divert sugar. With the few members who actually wanted a bag it was decided not to pursue a large quantity of bags.

There is still a need for an event organizer. No volunteers stepped forward to fill this very important position.

Roundtable discussion

The 6 visitors do not as yet have bees yet. The Co-op was suggested as a source Swarms were explained to newcomers and it was recommended for beginners go to a swarm capture to see how it all works.

Bees for dummies was suggested again as a good start

A demonstration on splitting a hive was requested. Ivory will do one at the next meeting. The timing of splitting was also discussed.

A clear view top inner cover was shown. Both 10 and 8 frame models can be bought from Bee Gold Honey.

The web page is down and the question was do we need it. With face book still active as an informational page and. Jack will contact Kevin concerning the web page.

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