

Tri-County Beekeepers Meeting **Tuesday, January 14, 2020**

Board members Rick Koetter, Amy Jonas, Deb Cross and Dennis Clark and were present. Rick called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Old Business

Secretary's December 3rd minutes were read and **approved**.

Treasurer Dennis Clark explained that 2017-2018 taxes (5013C) will be paid (approx. \$700) as of end of week to accountant.

Financial report read and **approved**.

Financial Report

Beginning balance \$8872.02
+ Honey Sales Club \$144.50
+ Scholarship Donations \$28
+ Membership Renewal \$90
+Membership Renewal \$20
- Fall Picnic \$96.48
- Wix.com (Juliet Brambrink) \$276
Ending Balance \$8782.04

Budget review

- Rick Koetter and Amy Jonas explained the budget line per line.
- Discussion on the logo for our group resulted in a need to check with Henry Embroidery on the design we've used in the past for our t-shirts and hats. Perhaps that design can be used on our website and brochures, eliminating any further expense. Deb Cross will contact Henry Embroidery and report back.
- An Amendment to the budget was **moved and approved**. Reducing the picnic line item to \$100, the education committee to \$1150, the library to \$100, and raising the registration line to \$150. This lowers the total budget by \$750, to total \$6270.

Club Website - we really need help with this. The issues with the website will be referred to the Website Committee (Rick Koetter, Charles Selander, Stephanie Johnson).

New Business

- Reviewed changes in meetings dates. January 14, March 10 and November 10.
- March 10 meeting speaker will be Marla Spivek from U of Mn. We will pay for her mileage and offer to take her out for dinner (Amy Jonas).
- Asked for more future speakers, see Amy Jonas. February speaker will be Vern Heise on "Swarm Collection".
- Questions from Ruth O'Donnell concerning a bus trip to Chaska Arboretum this summer. Can bring picnic or buy lunch there. There was interest expressed, so Ruth will investigate details and report back.
- Glen Koimann will be at the March meeting to take bee orders. Cost is \$104 (2 lbs.), \$126 (3 lbs.) package plus a \$10 deposit on boxes. Craig Shepherd stated that the queen will not be marked and bees will be Italian.
- Introduction of scholarship recipients: Genevieve and Grace Kapsner from Melrose and Jenalyn Ostendorf from Rice.
- Vern Heise reported on new roof for the fair heritage building.
- The Community Ed Beekeeping Class (District 742) will 4 nights Tuesdays in March for \$60. You can register online. If dues (Tri County Beekeepers) are paid, \$20 will be paid back to you after registration (minus the cost of dues).

Speakers this evening are Judy Lund “Rendering Wax” with her walk-away method. And Cindy Rusch “Beeswax Candle Making”.

Next meeting, February 4

Motion to adjourn at 9:08 p.m.