

MEETING MINUTES

Lincoln Land Bee Keepers Association

04/13/17 meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President John Jamison

Officers in Attendance

John Jamison, President • Bill Wilson, Secretary • Steve Blickhan, Treasurer

Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report

The minutes of the March 9, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed and the Treasurer's report was approved as read.

State Apiary Inspector's Update

State of Illinois Apiary Inspector Larry Roth reported European Foulbrood was on the rise in the area and that we should be on the lookout for both EFB and swarms.

Announcements

1. Jay Gaydosh announced that the Creekside Outdoor Environmental Education Center in Lincoln is up and running with many events planned.
2. President John Jamison reminded attendees that there is an EpiPen recall and shared that all one must do to replace it is to visit their pharmacy.
3. President Jamison also announced that the notes on the judging at the Illinois State Fair have been posted to the LLBKA website.
4. Rich announced that he distributed over 300 bee packages in the last week.
5. Steve Petrilli announced the success of the annual class in conjunction with the U of I extension and that this was the largest class ever held.

New Business

1. The 03/09/17 meeting minutes were voted on and approved.
2. The Treasurer's report was voted on and approved.
3. President Jamison announced that the Executive Team is looking at issues with the Association's corporate structure and not-for-profit status. He stated that an exploratory group is being formed for the purpose of guiding the next steps in the group's structural change.
4. David Tebrugge announced that if the LLBKA wants to reserve the Nipper Wildlife Sanctuary for the summer outing, then we need to make the reservation soon.

Demonstrations & Discussions

1. President John Jamison led a discussion to answer the question "What is that I wish I had known as a new beekeeper?" Several members offered suggestions. In particular, Dave Tebrugge suggested that new beekeepers spend time getting comfortable around their bees and Larry Roth suggested that one learn to properly use a smoker.

2. President Jamison led a second discussion asking long-term and commercial beekeepers for advice. Carolyn Gerberding stressed the importance of good record keeping. Larry Roth stressed the need for proper feeding, nutrition, and treating for Varroa mites.
3. Rich Ramsey will give a presentation next month on requeening.

Closing

The meeting was called to a close at 9:00 p.m. by President John Jamison

Next Meeting

05/11/17 • Sangamon County Farm Bureau Building • 2631 Beechler Court, Springfield, IL