

Valley Bees Monthly Meeting Minutes for October 2018

Sunday 7th October, Honeybee Farm. Meeting opened by Eric at 1-30pm

Welcome: Eric opened the meeting with a welcome to all and asked for any members attending their first meeting: Lou, Caleb Marks, Errin and Tom Mason from Goomboorian.

Guest: Isasc from NSW, Visitor: Michelle from Bellbunya Community. Also a guest of Kaye's.

Minutes: Minutes from the Sept meeting were sent out and members acknowledged receipt and read:

Pauline moved minutes be accepted, Athol 2nd, Passed by members.

Business arising from minutes:

Phil: Observation of Treasurers account. Could we have an itemized accounting of the balance of last months' balance and current balance attached to the minutes. Jeanne said she would make that available to be attached for each months meeting minutes.

A member's name was deleted from the minutes who was mentioned to give help with swarms (get from Jeanne)

Apologies: Glenbo Craig, Tom Codde, Kayle, Michael, Scaidra Craig, Robyn Bowman.

Correspondence in and out:

Eric read an email received from Lyn and Derek regarding Vally Bee funds etc. The concerns are as follows:

- 1: A breakdown of the income and expense of our Bee Open day is attached to these minutes.
- 2: Payment to Imbil School. Eric noted that in the past we have donated 1/3 of our total profit to the School. As the total has not been finalized at this point the exact figure is not known but as per accounts so far looks like approx.. \$900. This figure will be discussed at next meeting.
- 3: Explanation of how Valley Bees money in our accounts is used.

Eric explained that the money in our accounts is available for use of the club as voted on by the club. Any member who has an idea of how the money could be spent can bring their idea to the members at our meeting and will be discussed, voted upon and then allocated as decided by membership. This money is available for any idea from any member as voted on by membership for the use applying to Honey Bees, Native Bees or overall educational uses.

Ongoing money is allocated as needed to maintain our workshops, the Athol Craig Bee Room, room hire, insurance paid to MRCCC for us, End of Year break-up etc.

- 4: An accounting of the Range Bees money given to Valley Bees when Range Bees group folded was discussed and an accounting is attached to these minutes. It was recognized that this money was meant to be used for Native Bee uses. As this money has all been allocated, it will no longer be a portion of the Valley Bee accounts.
- 5: An accounting of the "Athol Craig Room" is attached to these minutes. The final amount for completion of the workshop is \$3,550.02.

Bee Open Day: Letter received from the Mary Valley Show Society Inc. President Bary Grainger was received and read by Eric:

This letter was concerning loan of their tables and stools for our Open Day and he noted that he was not advised and no permission was granted for our use. He also noted that he feels the tables were damaged by us upon return.

Athol lead a discussion of letter: We must, as a group be collectively responsible for any loan or hire of equipment for our group. We agreed that this incident was a great miss communication and will be corrected next year.

Athol moved that the group offer anything up to \$100. for compensation of the use and alleged damage of these tables and stools.

Bruce 2nd. Passed by members.

Eric will write a letter in response as to our apologies and compensation etc.

Joan: What would be the market rental?? Unknown. And how many tables?? 5 tables and 7 stools were used.

Athol noted: For members who joined later in Valley Bees: The original start-up of Valley Bees arranged a steering committee to meet and discuss the clubs set up. The membership fees are mainly to cover insurance. We need to keep enough money in our account to cover insurance or the club may fold. We had basically 2 choices:

1: Auspice of MRCCC – They offered to cover us under their insurance \$20 per member, one time fee for insurance. No membership fees to MRCCC.

2: Join QBA - Would be \$50 per member per year to cover insurance.

We are a community organization and decided to go under the MRCCC to save costs and make us more community/local focused.

This is how we have been able to keep our membership as a lifetime membership, whereas most organizations will charge members per year.

Treasurer's Report

MRCCC last meeting balance \$2,292.62 Deposits: \$140 for membership and \$102.22 GST refunded. \$242.22 total deposits.

The current balance is \$2,534.84

Bendigo Bank Account balance from last meeting \$543. Deposits of \$4793.35, Withdrawals of \$1,919.69

The current balance is \$3,416.71

Total in both \$5,951.55 (full accounting attached to these minutes)

Vic moved that Treasurer's report be approved, Joan 2nd. Passed by members

Imbil School report:

Eric read out thank-yous and report on day. (Attached to these minutes.)

Sara: Read feed back emails sent from the Bee Open Day. (Attached to these minutes)

Sara also acknowledged everyones hard work and participation on the day. It is our major fund-raising event of the year and a lot of planning and hard work goes into it to make it the successful day that it is. As in any big event, everything doesn't always go to plan, but in the long run everyone had a great time, lots of information was shared, beekeepers were able to purchase equipment, and it was an overall great success. We should all be very proud of our Club for being able to present this day for the Beekeeping community and help the local community as well. All feedback is welcome and every year we make it better and better.

Report Landcare Session - Vic

Held our session yesterday, a dozen or so people attended, nice mixture of oldies and newies. Works really well with the older beekeepers helping the new ones. Everyone works as a group. A real mixture.

2 new nucs, Good queen, new brood capped. Must have put old queen in. 2nd nuc. No eggs but 4 frames of honey. Took the honey from one and and put 2 frames of brood in the 2nd.

1st nuc: Put nuc honey super on as well it was so strong. Hive had full frames of brood and had full box of honey on it. Just shows how a strong hive looks.

2nd Hive had no capped honey to take...1/2 frame of honey and brood. Smaller pattern of brood in this hive.

All in all everyone had a good day.

Another story. Got a message from Phil that a lady had bees at Widgee and needs a new queen for one hive. Called her...said one hive doesn't have queen and another is savage...farmer can not get into gate. Must get another queen for that hive as well. Actually the location was in Glastenberg...Robert and Cathy Curl's?? place.

Hives on trailer. Found queenless hive. Found "savage" hive and was able to work it. Again goes to show that if you follow good beekeeping rules and practices all is good with the hive. Found queen in "savage" hive, "red and black" never seen a queen like this before. She was very active and moving back and forth. By the time I went back to take her out, she was nowhere to be seen. Went back Friday and found queen cells in first hive, supercedure cells in "savage" hive. Hope they will sort themselves out.

Mak repoted on Flowhives: Landcare hive looked pretty full. Had a go at taking a frame out. Took 2 kilos out of top box. Then looked into brood box and saw no queen. Hopefully will be able to make a new queen. Will keep an eye on it.

Took about 8 Kilos out of the flow hive at Honey bee farm. Very strong hive.

Honeybee Farm Report - Phil

Thanks to Vic for sorting out the lady from Widgee.

They had their meeting 2 weeks ago. 16 people. A couple of new people attended. Huge amount of honey was available so sorted out an inspection team, extraction team etc. and all worked together. Good amount of honey taken.

#1 hive had a bit of honey. #3 hive were not working top box..took box off.

2 swarms in new boxes, our swarm seems to be going well. Happy Jack creek swarm taken from pine tree not so strong. Debbie and Kaye took swarm, then they had gone back as bees had gone back into tree. Took swarm again and this time there was more than last time and they stayed in box.

Mistakes and learning experience: They had put frames into full sized box and when they looked inside, it was a mess. The foundation had not stuck to the frames and bees were building all over the place. Decided that there was no queen because they saw no eggs. Decided to leave it for a couple of days and when they looked in again they saw capped brood. So must be a queen there. Don't know how to clean it up to make sure it can be workable.

Native Bee Report - Derek

Noted that on the Open Day the speakers were very successful. The Inuction method of native hives was well received. The workshops were packed and very much interest was shown in the speakers. Many questions (maybe too many to be handled on the day) and went off very well. Thanks to Pauline for saving the day with the video as his computer wasn't working fast enough.

When taking his hives home he lost about 30% of his bees because connecting tube was disconnected.

This morning native bee workshop was canceled. Miscommunication. Glenbo has something organized in 2 months' time for a speaker.

Induction method: Derek has put together an explanation sheet on the method and will put it out for members to help in understanding.

Maybe Glenbo can put in on website.

Yesterday, Bill? Came to him who knew people who had native bees coming up from sewage pipe. They had an old native bee hive there and Bill pulled the hive from the pipe and put into their box. Found out there were more at bottom of pipe. Got another box and had more there to be taken. Will be back again for another split.

Had an email from lady and natives in brick wall. What can she do? It was in foundation besser block. Lots of bees...really strong hive. Won't do any harm there and he left it there.

Eric: Thanks to all reports

Top Bar Hive Report – Scott was not present to make a report.

Eric Noted: We must be carefull who we buy foundation from: Always use reputable beekeeping suppliers. Superior Bees will exchange wax for foundation, Burnett Bees will also buy wax, they will limit purchase to 20 fondations unless you bring wax to them. Quality Bees is also good for foundation. Shortage of wax at the moment, so there is imported wax coming in to the country...be careful who you buy from as it may be contaminated with parifin. Bee Positive has "Australian" wax and imported wax and will let you choose.

Debbie: MRCCC asked how their native hive is progressing. Not good. Glenbo will update. Progressing...

Phil and Debbie from HoneyBee Farm: Christmas party/end of year break-up. Suggested we have a lunch before meeting instead of after. Members will consicer it and vote on it in November.

NEW BUSINESS

Veronica. Open Day: 4 primary school students came up to her and she showed them bees hatching out of the hive etc. They said "This is the best history lesson they ever had". She felt that this is what the Open Day is all about.

Michelle noted: PhotoHive is fantastic idea. Appreciation for effort. Vic, Stan, Glengo, Athol. All agreed.

Sara: Read a letter from Michael Jones, President of the Northside BeeKeepers Assoc Brisbane. They loved the PhotoHive display and would like to purchase if we ever put a kit together. Expressed thanks for the great day. Also asked about getting Epipens. Get prescription from Doctor, or you can register with Chemist Warehouse to purchase one. We can not purchase for them.

Sara: Read email from Gareth Lazarides about help with robbing his hives. No one volunteered to help him so Sara will call him and suggest that he contact Sunshine Coast Beekeeping Group.

Athol: The PhotoHive update. Too labour intensive for production at this time.

Eric Noted: Kayle has had problem with people taking his good frames out of hives and replacing with old dirty and maybe foul brood ridden frames. We discussed this problem. Pauline stated that everyone should have your resistration number on top of every frame. This may not stop the problem, but will help in tracking the frames in the future.

Sara re Rotary Club, Quilt and Craft Show on Nov 3 and 4

Glenbo has said that he will help set up and make the PhotoHive available as well as a couple of poster boards. Sara and Howie will man the booth on Sat and Jeanne (Maybe Jae as well) will help on Sunday. Anyone who is willing to put in a couple of hours on the weekend is most welcome to help out, just make yourself available. You can also sell honey or bee related goods on the day.

Bruce: Has old beekeeping book for the members to take a look at. Also Oranges up front for members to take.

Joan: Has brought fresh turmeric for members to take as well

Pauline: Information re Queen Bees or Queen Cells: Michael Keam in Murgan: Queen Breeder 0448 690 064

Meeting closed at 3-15pm

Supper time, random bee-banter
Raffle drawn – winner was Dan Luck

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Note

Valley Bees now has their Bee Registration # V108.

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IMBIL OPEN DAY REPORT 2018

THANK YOU ALL MEMBERS WHO ASSISTED ON THE FRIDAY 14TH WITH SETTING UP. GREG HIS TRUCK AND CREW.

SATURDAY 6AM OUR NIGHT WATCHMAN BIIL AND GATE KEEPER BRIAN, ROBYN'S CREW ON THE GATE. TO OUR MARSHALLS ON THE GROUND, THE THREE AMIGO, TOM AND HIS SIDE KICKS WITH THEIR EFFORTS WHO MANAGED TO GET ALL STALL HOLDERS ON SITE IN TIME FOR OPENING.

THE HALL CREW HAVING THE HALL SET UP AND DISPLAYS ERECTED.

TO HIVE CENTRAL CREW, JOAN, CHERYL, BOB DEB AND JEANNE.

TO SARA, HOWIE, BEN AND HELEN, KAYE FOR TAKING OVER THE 50 CENT RAFFLE. BEN, IS THE ONLY TICKET SELLER I KNOW THAT CAN SELL TICKETS PUSHING A PRAM ,WHO SAID CAN'T MULTI TASK.

HALFWAY THROUGH THE DAY HIS REMARK WAS I HAVE HARRASSED ALMOST EVERYONE , NOW FOR THE MEMBERS TRYING TO SELL THEM RAFFLE TICKETS.

WE HAD 36 MEMBERS SIGN IN, WE USED OUR 30 VESTS. IT WAS A COMFORT TO ME THAT I HAD THESE VOLUNTEERS TO CALL WHEN ASSISTANCE WAS NEEDED.

SOME OF THE JOBS PERFORMED ERECTING SIGNS, MARQUEES, FIXING JAMMED ROLLER DOOR, PAPER IN FEMALE TOILET, PICKING UP RUBBISH OFF THE GROUND.HELPING WHERE NEEDED. THANK YOU.

EARLIER IN THE DAY THE PRESIDENT OF IMBIL SHOW SOCIETY JUMPED THE FENCE ENQUIRING WHAT IS GOING ON HERE AS HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT US BORROWING THE FORMS FROM THE HALL. THE MATTER WAS RESOLVED.

THE SIGN ON THE FRONT FENCE OF THE COLLEGE WAS NOT DISPLAYED AS IAN DID NOT GET TIME, BECAUSE THEY HAD A CONCERT AND ONLY HAD EVERYTHING BACK IN THE HALL BY 2PM

ONE STALL HOLDER WAS ASKED TO COME DOWN OFF A LADDER, AS THE ONE HE WAS USING WAS NOT SAFE. HE WAS STANDING ON SECOND TOP RUNG TRYING TO FEED EXTENSION LEADS ACROSS THE ROOF BEAMS. I AM GLAD HE HAS HIS OWN INSURANCE. HE WAS OFFERED THE USE OF A MORE APPROPRIETTE LADDER.

ONE GENTLEMAN COMPLAINED THAT THE FANS IN THE LECTURE ROOM WERE TOO NOISY AS HE HAD A HEARING PROBLEM, I TOLD HIM THAT AS WE WERE USING THE EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED BY THE COLLEGE IT WAS OUT OF OUR HANDS.

SOMETIME DURING THE DAY I WAS STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE HALL THINKING WHAT IS MY NEXT CHALLENGE, WHEN AN ARM RESTED ON MY SHOULDER AND A VOICE SAYING ONCE I WAS ASKED, EXACTLY WHAT DO YOU DO, NOW YOU KNOW. YOU GUESSED IT [ATHOL]

A GLASSHOUSE COUNTRY COACH ARRIVED WITH MEMBERS OF A CLUB, THE 3RD PERSON OFF THE COACH WAS BARRY WILLIAMS A BEEKEEPER FROM THAT AREA. I THINK THIS COACH WAS A RESULT OF PAULINE .

THE OCCASION WAS VISITED BY DEB SEAL , RESPECTED OFFICER OF MRCCC, HER WORDS CONGRATULATIONS VERY PROFESSIONAL SHOW. THIS IS COMING FROM A LADY WHO ORGANISERS SIMILAR EVENTS LIKE NOOSA ETC.

MEMBERS VOLUNTEERED APPROXIMATELY 300 HOURS ON THE DAY.

GIVE YOURSELVES A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR A JOB WELL DONE THIS EVENT WOULD NOT HAVE RUN SMOOTHLY WITHOUT YOU GUYS.

THANK YOU

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1	IMBIL OPEN DAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2018				
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3			DEPOSITS	WITHDRAWALS	
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6	TAKINGS				
7	ENTRY		\$ 1,040.90		
8	BOOKS & MERCHANDISE		\$ 359.00		
9	MEMBERSHIP		\$ 110.00		
10	\$RAFFLE FLOWHIVE		\$ 625.00		
11	\$5 RAFFLE NATIVE HIVE	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 855.00		
12	50CENT RAFFLES		\$ 1,638.50		
13					
14					
15					
16	COSTS				
17					
18	FLOWHIVE		-\$	704.00	
19	DONATIONS		-\$	500.00	
20	FAIRIES	-\$ 300.00			
21	BONE MUSEUM	-\$ 100.00			
22	MASSAGER	-\$ 100.00			
23	RAFFLE TICKETS		-\$	31.91	
24	STATIONARY		-\$	215.00	
25					
26	DONATUION FOR IMBIL S <i>SCHOOL</i>		-		
27		\$ 4,628.40	-\$	1,450.91	\$ 3,177.49
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30				OVERALL BALANCE	\$ 3,177.49
31	NOT TO BE INCLUDED IN BREAK DOWN				
32	BOOKS & MERCHANDISE			-\$	359.00
33	MEMBERSHIP			-\$	110.00
34					
35					
36				SUB TOTAL	\$ 2,708.49
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1	TREASURER'S REPORT - Valley Bees				
2	Meeting held :-	7 Oct-18	Signed:-		
3					
4	MRCCC ACCOUNT		DEPOSITS	WITHDRAWALS	
5	BALANCE LAST MEETING	\$ 2,292.62			
6					
7	Deposits				
8	MEMBERSHIP		\$ 140.00		
9	GST REFUNDED		\$ 102.22		
10					
11	Withdrawals				
12					
13	reimburse expenses				
14	CURRENT BALANCE	\$ 2,292.62	\$ 242.22		\$ 2,534.84
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17	BENDIGO BANK		DEPOSITS	WITHDRAWALS	
18	BALANCE LAST MEETING	\$ 543.05			
19					
20	DEPOSITS				
21	ENTRY FEES		\$ 86.95		
22	APITHOR SALES		\$ 24.00		
23	BADGES & BAGS		\$ 24.00		
24	MEMBERSHIP		\$ 140.00		
25	\$5 RAFFLE OPEN DAY		\$ 1,480.00		
26	ENTRANCE OPEN DAY		\$ 1,040.90		
27	50C RAFFLES OPEN DAY		\$ 1,638.50		
28	BOOKS & MERCHANDISE "		\$ 359.00		
29					
30	PAYMENTS				
31	PAULINE [RAFFLE]			-\$ 15.00	
32	PHIL [hire of venue-meeting]			-\$ 100.00	(2 months)
33	MEMBERSHIP MRCC			-\$ 140.00	
34	L.COOPER [COFFEE]			-\$ 9.00	
35	FLOWHIVE[M&M HANNON]			-\$ 704.00	
36	GYMPIE BONE MUSEUM			-\$ 100.00	
37	HEALING HANDS			-\$ 100.00	
38	MARA VUCAK			-\$ 300.00	
39	RAFFLE TICKETS			-\$ 96.69	
40	GLENBO [STATIONARY]			-\$ 215.00	
41	JOHN KLUMPP			-\$ 140.00	\$ 2,534.84
42		\$ 543.05	\$ 4,793.35	-\$ 1,919.69	\$ 3,416.71
43					
44				TOTAL BALANCE	\$ 5,951.55
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2	FINAL FIGURES FOR ATHOL CRAIGS ROOM		
3	INTERNAL WALLS, CEILINGS & EXTERNAL CLADDING, ELECTRICALS	\$	2,000.00
4	OZ-TAC FRABICATION FLASHING FOR SILLS	\$	128.00
5	DOOR,TIMBER SURROUND AND LOCK	\$	346.00
6	FLOOR PAINT	\$	242.00
7	INTERNAL PAINT	\$	181.00
8	ENTRANCE RAMP	\$	100.00
9	DOOR FLASHING	\$	85.00
10	ALUMINIUM COVERING	\$	142.65
11	FUEL TO COLLECT BENCHES	\$	90.00
12	LEGS TO KITCHEN UNIT	\$	79.00
13	SUNDRY PLUMBING FITTINGS	\$	32.15
14	CUPS,MUGS,CULTRY, BASKETS ETC	\$	82.91
15	PUMPHOUSE	\$	41.31
16			
17	TOTAL	\$	3,550.02
18			

Column1	Column2	Column3	Column4	Column5	Column6	Column7
<u>NATIVE BEE ACCOUNT</u>						
STARTING BALANCE		\$ 1,796.00		BALANCE	BUY	SELL
FITTINGS NATIVE BEE			-\$ 14.20			
NATIVE BEE WORKSHOP 10/08/18			-\$ 22.00			
2 TICKETS TO NATIVE BEE CONFERENCE			-\$ 265.92			
SECURITY STAND FOR MRCCC NATIVE BEE HIVE			-\$ 100.00			
		\$ 1,796.00	-\$ 402.12			
AUSTRALIAN STINGLESS BEE BOOK [6]	JOHN KLUMPP	-\$ 927.12	-\$ 140.00		\$ 28.00	\$ 35.00
THE AUSTRALIAN NATIVE BEE BOOK [11]	TIM HEARD		-\$ 385.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00
			-\$ 927.12	\$ 868.88		
CONTRIBUTION TO WORKSHOP AT HONEYBEE FARM		\$ 868.88	-\$ 868.88			