

Meeting Valley Bees 8 November 2020

Meeting started 1.30pm. Erin welcomed everyone.

Apologies Lyn and Derek, Wayne, Reg and Marj, Mark, Tom C, Glenbo, Athol and Skaidra

Minutes of previous meeting.

Sara moved, Pauline sec, minutes be accepted. Carried.

Business from minutes

Further to use of club bee hats and veils. Maree washes veils, Vic spraying veils with glen20 if people want to.

Maree had examples of veils from BCF.

Correspondence.

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Letter from Landcare re use of car park and having car running near nursery. Replied that we would always have car with first aid and equipment but that we would limit vehicles. Vic is working with staff. Maree some advisory signs for traffic.

Maree moved that correspondence be endorsed, Pauline seconded.

Treasurer's Report

See report at end of minutes.

Maree moved treasurer's report be accepted. Derek seconded.

Landcare report - Vic

Junior Landcare segment after school. 13 primary school students and some parents and a teacher. Rhianna from Landcare there too. Vic blended his presentation with her ecological theme. Kids very enthusiastic and curious. Gave kids books donated by Craig family.

Landcare workshop, lots of participants and new people. Maree introduced as COVID coordinator, parking info and info about native bee workshop following week. Hive management going well, nucs coming on. Nucs purchased by attendees. Brett Dean queens making good brood and quiet bees.

Honey bee cottages - Vic for Mark

Hives going well. Gave attendees small jars of honey. Plastic hives don't seem to fit the same number of frames, and not as vigorous as wooden hives.

Native bees - Bill

Bill checked Main Roads re rescuing bees from trees from highway tree felling. It's up to the contractor, and there are rules re WHS. Erin recommended checking with MRCCC for insurance for this work.

The water metre hives are doing well at Derek's. The fancy hive at Landcare doing well. One of the Landcare hives could be split if we need to.

Sara moved that Bill prepares a hive for sale or silent auction at garden expo. Sec Bruce.

Good attendance at the Nov 8 workshop. Peter V had box of *Austroplebeia* with active queen for observation.

Feb 14 box building at Bill's place 94 Noosa Road, Gympie.

Bill hasn't noticed a lot of beetles or flies this season.

