

Meeting 12 May 2019 - #99

Opened meeting at 1.45pm. Minutes by Pauline.

Apologies - Dereck, Marj, Reg, Glenbo, Eric, Jeanne, Robyn.

Welcome to Michael from Townsville, Jen and Kinsley.

Minutes of last meeting read- no one had anything to comment

Moved Kayle second Maree.

I read out Jeanne's Treasurer Report.

MRCCC, current balance \$2,744.84

Bendigo Bank \$2,731.41

Balance\$5,436.25

I moved to be true and correct, seconded by Mark.

Vic report

Easter Saturday was a rainy showery day. Cleaned tools and chatted about diseases, all went to shed and had a cuppa and a good discussion around the square table. Vic spoke about keeping hives clean and dry. Always make sure your hive is tilted down at the front so water doesn't run back into hive, as it becomes wet and sloppy.

Chalkbrood is about in this hot humid weather. To prevent, try putting a slither of camphor laurel wood in hive. Greg said just a twig of the tree will do the same thing. You need to change wood or twigs every three weeks or so.

Vic said he had an email from Landcare about moving the bee hives so they can use that space for the Family Open Day. Vic said he doesn't think so, as he says that Landcare has had a really good response by having bees there.

Michael from Townsville Bee Club

Spoke about how they have built a steam room bolted on to a trailer to sterilize their bee equipment. The cost for the room itself was about \$3000, no trailer cost in that.

The club worked with the DPI to build it but had to make a few modifications to get it right. They got the designs out of a bee book.

Erin says there is a Swiss lady at Landcare who will help us to go for a grant from gaming?, maybe that would help us get one up and running.

Bill suggested using an old fridge/freezer the same way.

Phil report

Workshop Easter Saturday was wet, very showery, opened three hives under umbrellas, but really couldn't work with them. Glen Watt? thought one hive had EFB, so a sample was taken and sent to DPI, after a week Phil rang and was told to keep his shirt on, he was getting nowhere, another week went by and rang again eventually they told Phil he had AFB positive not EFB. So Phil burnt the bees and box.

Mark reported on Easter Saturday in Imbil.

Reg, Marj, Mark, Maree and Merv had good day, sold honey, bee books, Merv had a lot of interest in the native bees and his boxes.

Athol spoke of our AGM in June, getting Trevor Weatherhead to be a speaker for the day. The club will sponsor Trevor and Marion the Saturday night accommodation at HoneyBee Farm. So he is at the workshop on Sunday morning and follow up with a meeting. We will have a BBQ lunch before the AGM. All agreed. Room was booked there and then.

No workshop on next Saturday as its show time but will have it on the next Saturday morning 26th May 9am.

I read the report from the meeting held at Museum on the 1st May.

Bee Open Day

Sarah moved a motion to rescind the motion at our last meeting regarding the Bee Open Day.

Seconded by Merv.

First Pauline to see what date suits the school, we are looking at 14th September, and we take it from there. It was discussed maybe we don't have so many exhibitors, it doesn't have to be bigger than the last one, as long as we have the open day.

Chairperson

It was discussed about the chairperson and everyone thought with the chairperson there should only be 1 person and a vice chairperson, no team attached, otherwise too many chiefs.

Native bees

Derek will not take on any extra days for the native bee workshops as he finds it hard to find enough to do now being every 2nd month. He said he is happy if someone else wants to take on the solitary bee workshops but he will not do it.

Selling books

Everyone thought the idea of not selling books was not good, as we sell books everywhere, at open bee day, workshops, Garden Show and shows so why stop a good thing. Sarah was under

the impression we were selling books for different people but when told we buy the books and pay those persons (example John Klumpp, Tim Heard) than it is club money when books are sold, there is no bookwork involved sorting out the money.

I think everyone was happy with suggestions 2,3,4.

Tom bought up that he said there was a mistake in the last minutes, that Valley bees asked for a stall at the show not the Show Society asking Valley Bees to have a stall.

Well, that's all I can remember being President, Treasurer and Secretary in one hit, hope it's sufficient.

Pauline, Jill-of-all-trades and Master-of-none.