

General Meeting Minutes  
Valley Bee Community  
Held on the 13 December 2020  
At the Hall, Honeybee Accommodation, 20 Hasthorpe Rd, Kandanga

Meeting opened at 1:30 pm

- 1.0 Erin Mason chaired the meeting and welcomed all members.
- 2.0 Attendance as per sign in register.
- 3.0 **Apologies:** Wayne Smith, Bill Macintosh, Glen Craig, Tom C, Reg & Marj
- 4.0 The minutes from the 8 November 2020 General Meeting were posted on the web page.

***MOTION: That the minutes for the general meeting held on the 8 November 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record.***

***Moved- Robyn Seconded- Sarah CARRIED UNANIMIOUSLY***

5.0 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- 5.1 Donation of \$500 to support research into Solitary Bees: Robyn previously reported that spoken to Dr Tobias Smith. Dr Smith responded that very little research being completed in Queensland at present on Solitary Bees. He will inform the club when he finds a possible research recipient in that area. No further information has been received.

6.0 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 6.1 The inwards and outwards correspondence:

Webpage: discussion with Shiakaya regarding changes and method of payment for web hosting charge

Contacted by unknown regarding selling Queen bees

Landcare: closed from Xmas to New Year, opening 4 January 2021, so site not available for scheduled workshop

Bee Positive: Video footage of Bee inspection in November at Honey bee Accom. Received from Mark. Video is for Bee Position promotional advertising but permission given for use by Valley Bee for educational work.

***MOTION- The inwards correspondence be accepted and the outwards correspondence be endorsed.***

***Moved: Pauline Seconded: Robyn CARRIED UNANIMIOUSLY***

7.0 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE**

- 7.1 Webpage:

**Motion: That the club proceed with obtaining a debit card to pay for hosting web page and for use in 2021 Open Day**

**Moved: Derek Seconded: Bruce CARRIED UNANIMIOUSLY**

- 7.2 Queen bee seller: As no information supplied, not followed up.
- 7.3 Landcare: closure discussed at December workshop with participants of the day and decision that workshop will be on following Saturday, 9 January as bees will still require inspection.
- 7.4 Bee Positive video would be placed on Valley Bee web page.

## 8.0 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

- 8.1 Treasurer, Maree, presented the financial report for the month of November.

Funds held:	MRCCC	\$4072.99
	Bendigo	\$3672.60
	Petty Cash	\$100
	TOTAL	\$7845.59

***MOTION- The financial report for the month ending 31<sup>st</sup> November 2020 be accepted and all accounts presented be passed for payment and accounts paid be ratified.***

***Moved: Maree                      Seconded: Vic      CARRIED UNANIMIOUSLY***

## 9.0 **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 9.1 Bendigo Bank require bank signatories to update details at the bank. Current signatories are: Maree, Robyn and Sarah.
- 9.2 Webpage: remove the ability to request membership from the webpage icon. It becomes difficult for Glenbo to trace details at times. The Membership form is on the webpage and instructions to be changed to hand deliver to a workshop.
- 9.3 Epipens: 2 new epipens required for next year.

***MOTION- The club purchase 2 epipens to replace out of date pens.***

***Moved: Vic                      Seconded: Maree                      CARRIED UNANIMIOUSLY***

- 9.4 Hives replaced that were destroyed to AFB in 2019 and Flow rebuilt.

***MOTION- Mark to be reimbursed for materials used in construction of hives.***

***Moved: Vic                      Seconded: Bruce                      CARRIED UNANIMIOUSLY***

## 10.0 **Bee Activities**

### **Landcare Workshop**

Very hot morning, numbers were down on usual attendance but 19 participants. Still new attendees. Bees very unhappy but a few frames of honey extracted. Food still coming in. Honey taken home by participants.

2 Queen may need to be replaced due to aggressiveness, one being the flow hive. 2 earlier created Nuc were sold.

### **Honey Bee Accommodation Workshop**

Mark from Bee Positive was in attendance filming the activities. He was after the effectiveness of his bee suits in bee keeping operations.

A Nuc was assembled from the Flow Hive brood box. A Nuc was moved into a new brood box and another Nuc started. A queen was not located in one hive, so a frame of fresh eggs placed into it from the flow hive.

As new hives are being created, more frames are needed. Bruce has offered to assist.

Food available as an ideal super has filled with capped honey in the past month.

### **Native Bee Report**

On 7 November, the native hive was split at Landcare. There are 3 native hive boxes at Landcare now and all going well.

The hives rescued from the water meter workshop have mixed results. One going well and the other empty of bees. The empty box doesn't look like due to phorid fly incursion.

Greg found a fallen tree with a native bee hive inside. The brood was removed into 3 boxes as it was a large hive. The boxes were taken to Bill's place and within 24 hours all boxes were dead due to phorid fly.

### **Solitary Bee Report**

Robyn reported that she has a lot of solitary bees in the garden at present. She is having trouble with some taking up residence in holes in timber in her work area. She is still working on redrilling old holes to refreshen timber. The drawback is the holes are larger and it is not an easy process.

Meeting Closed at 2:30pm.

Raffle drawn.

Next meeting to be held 10 January 2021.

Erin Mason

Chair and Minutes