

Meeting Valley Bees 10 January 2021

Meeting started 1.30pm. Erin welcomed everyone. Club extended best wishes to Skaidra. COVID update re attendance records.

Apologies Sarah and Howie, Greg, Wayne, Reg and Marj, Bill Mcl, Tom C, Glenbo, Athol and Skaidra

Minutes of previous meeting.

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

Business from minutes

No word on offer to Tobias Smith re \$500 donation for solitary bee research

Website and Facebook edits for Shaikya

Epipens purchased and paid for.

Correspondence.

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Cooroora Francis Rogers offer of agisting bee hives.

Glenbo said Diane from Range bees wants to know what's happening with her money, and that photos are not to be used.

Maree moved that correspondence be endorsed, Pauline seconded. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Bendigo account 3135.00

MRCCC account 4072.99

Petty cash 100.00

Total 7307.99

See report at end of minutes.

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

General business

- Debit card for Bendigo Bank on its way, Maree to use debit card.
- We will need to pay web hosting fee.
- Open Day September 4, start making some plans in February
- Derek re Invigorating meetings - idea re creaming honey by Tom - Pauline will ask Tom. Mead ask Sarah. Queen breeding. Commercial operations hive management, honey extraction. Capilano rep. Peter V about Australis.
- Pauline, reminder from QBA to register hives. Don't sell honey if you've been feeding hives sugar, wait three months. There's a fine for selling adulterated honey.
- Facebook page. Maree moved that we set up new Facebook page, seconded Dana. Carried. Few members can be admin.
- Robyn had honey from bees which had foraged sugar cane near Mackay. It smells like molasses.
- Pauline read article about flowering and pollination of avocado trees.
- Vic. Beetle control using Chux strips.

Landcare report - Vic

12 attendees on a wet cold day. Hives were full and needed work so group got on with extracting honey. Mark brought along gazebo. 38 frames of honey, 5 10l buckets of honey. Vic was impressed with group's energy and willingness to help.

Honey bee cottages - Mark. Reported on hives, expecting lots of honey next week.

Bruce moved, Dana seconded that Mark be reimbursed for cost of queen excluders. Carried.

Native bees - Bill via Vic. Box making at Bill's place. 14 Feb. 9am. Bill will supply materials, people can take a box home. Hives from metre boxes not proving to be successful. Peter V loaned Vic an Australis hive. Hive lined with honey bee foundation so bees have got ready building materials. Peter has a set procedure with timing and events.

Solitary bees - Robyn had bamboo tube cut in half with bee egg compartments.
Top Bar Hives - Scott away today

Taking honey. Vic. Never take all the honey, otherwise bees become demoralised. Best not to take honey during wet season. Put extra boxes on if there's a honey flow.

Raffle. Meeting ended 3.00pm.