

Meeting Valley Bees 11 April 2021

Meeting started 1.30pm. Erin welcomed everyone.

Apologies Sara and Howie, Glenbo, Dana and Mick, Reg and Marj, Tom C

Minutes of previous minutes on website.

Bruce moved, Lyn seconded, that minutes from previous meeting are accurate.

Correspondence.

None

Treasurer's Report

MRCCC account 4642.99

Bendigo account 2942.00

Petty cash 100.00

Total 7684.99

Maree moved treasurer's report be accepted. Pauline seconded. Carried.

General business

Tim Heard offer for Open Day. Erin following up.

Maree has name from bee workshop 10 April of professional cleaner for open day. Wayne Derksen.

Gympie Show. 13-15 May. Sent \$30 to show as donation.

Robyn putting together static display re native bees. Vic and Peter - display hive. Bee hotel from woodworkers on display (belongs to Maree). Ask Glenbo for photo frames , plus other images.

Pauline moved, Les seconded, purchase 500 business cards.

Bill will be away.

Greg. Swarm in compost bin. But it wasn't a swarm, but bees feasting on waste milk powder.

June is end of executive year. Erin will stand down so president will be available.

Landcare report - Vic. 10 participants as day was shifted because of Easter. Autumn bee keeping, requeened 2 cranky hives (one hive now quiet, one still stirry). Trace of chalk brood because of humid weather. Next months will be slow so activities will be around making, wiring frames.

Honey bee cottages - Mark. 22 participants. Rainy so activities curtailed. Injured queen not found. Mick showed his vacuum cleaner gadget for collecting a swarm.

Flow hive - Mark. Landcare hive still touchy after requeening. Honeybee Cottage hive is strong. Steve at Bee Positive donated suits, sold one for \$80, one is large for sale \$100.

Native bees - Bill. Angled log which had fallen at Landcare, lifted up. Native bee rescue turned out to be wasps.

Pauline. Only honey sales in 20l drums to freeze out backyard bee keepers.

Bill Four native bee hives for open day.

Schools have grant to put in native bee hives. Bill has put in quote for Monkland school.

Solitary bees - Robyn T. Hockingsii, had residue from failed hive. Brown powder was grub poo :(Resin from cleaning out a hive is messy, so do cleaning out in the paddock.

Top Bar Hives - Scott away today

Michelle. Purple surveillance hives have technology for remote monitoring of temperature, etc.

Erin will ring Allan Rainbow to talk about sale of building and protocol.

Erin. A friend whose bees were in plastic hives died. Perhaps bees starved. Plastic hives get hot.

Bruce. Large female bees, and noticeably small bees. Old queen can produce small bees.

Erin. Too hot here for B? Mite

Derek. Has sweet potatoes to give away.

Erin. May meeting is first Sunday May 2. 11 May is Mother's Day.

Raffle. Meeting ended 2.30pm.