

Valley Bee Meeting Minutes 13.2.22

Attended: Maree, Mark, Dana, Mick, Bill, Greg, Wayne, Lyn, Derek and Vic

Apologies: Pauline, Reg and Marg

Minutes of last meeting: Maree: Moved, Greg: Seconded

Business from last month's minutes: Jason from the council let us know that in July 2, 3 and August 27, 28 are available. We decided on July the 2nd unless, there is a suitable day in September, 10,11 are busy, 17th is the races.

Incoming mail: Registration form for hives, needs to be complete and submitted to Bio security. MRCCC email about mentors for beekeepers- cost involved – committee voted NO to joining. Gold Coast Regional Beekeepers asked if they could share links from our website with their members, committee voted YES to allowing this to happen.

Outgoing mail: Emails to Jason Makenzie about pavilion availability

Treasures report:

Read and accepted by Maree, seconded by Bill

General Business:

Bill asked if someone could approach Glenbo about buying a set of photos in frames that show the many different aspects of things that happen in a hive. Committed voted Yes to asking/buying a set of frames from Glenbo.

Maree asked who the committee would like to donate money to from the committee, we had a discussion and Wayne put forward that \$1000 to the Imbil College, committee voted Yes to donation.

Discussion about Open day dates, we need to make a decision as there is not many dates, July 2, August 27th, unsure of September dates, but looking at July 2nd until September dates emailed. We haven't met the new manager of Honey Bee Resort as yet, Maree will see if we can meet them 19th at the practical day and discuss if they still want us to move the bees out of the current area for safety.

Wayne discussed with the Mothar Mountain Hall committee and they are willing to let us use their hall for the same price as we were using the Honey Bee resort hall (\$50). So, if we need to move than this will be an option, but we will stay are HBR until we speak to the new management. Vic discussed a conversation from Glenbo about the removal of bees from a wall in the Kilkivan hall, he rang Vic and said that he would send through some more details. We will wait to hear more from Glenbo.

Vic's Landcare Report: Saturday 5th Feb

25 people attended, they were a mixture of new and older members which seems to be the theme of late for the club mornings. Vic used Athol's book as a reference so that members could follow what is happening each month. All the hive are working well and we took the opportunity to take some honey frames so that new members could see and be involved in the process of honey extraction.

Mark's flow hive Report

Vic gave a talk on different seasons for the bees and how it can affect them. All the hives are working well, we spun out ideals and 4 other frames, all in all good bee day. 12 people attended

Bills Landcare report:

8.1.22 Hives are looking good and could be used to split

23.1.22 Native bee day, good group of people, had a look at 2 hives, 1 ready to split, so it was split, also visited the site where the bees were under the cement slab (will revisit and maybe remove in November)

5.2.22 1st hive that was looking good for a split has gone backwards. 2nd hive going ahead, hooked up another hive.

Bill had a few stories about some bee keepers at Kin Kin, and catching his first swarm with some help with Reg.

Mark told the story of a bee hive in a possum box, with Reg, and Tom, they got it down and it was slimed out from beetles.

Dana won the raffle

Thank you everyone