

# Valley Bees Meeting Minutes 13.3.22

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

Apologies: Pauline, Reg, Marg, Glenbo.

Accept minutes of the last month's minutes: Moved Maree, and Seconded Greg.

Business Arising from last month's minutes:

- Valley bees has booked the pavilion for the Valley Bees Open Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

Incoming Mail: Bio security paperwork completed and submitted

Outgoing Mail: 2020 grant acquittal completed and submitted. Hire of pavilion forms completed and submitted to council.

Treasures Report:

Read and accepted by Maree, Second by Bill

General Business:

- Off the Grid Expo a Goomeri : Bill said that he and Nicole will set up a stall for Valley Bees but needs a copy of MRCCC's insurance. Dana to contact MRCCC about getting a copy of the insurance policy. Unanimous vote of YES for Bill/Nicole to run the stall.
- David Bio security rep what day suits (offer 5<sup>th</sup> May)
- Date for Valley Bee Open Day (2<sup>nd</sup> of April after Landcare morning, unanimous vote YES)
- RSL offered VB to do raffles (unanimous vote NO)
- Invite to Enviro Day but cancelled due to floods
- Dana told the meeting about a discussion had with Glenbo, he will come to Valley Bees Open day meeting, will do honey display, display boards frames. Likes the theme "We are all working together, all bees". Victor and Mariana have bee equipment for sale.
- New Management of Honey Bee farm Resort, still not contact not responding to messages from the club, so we will leave the hives where they are until we hear from management.

Vic Landcare Report: 5.3.33 16 people, 2 new Bee Members

Used Natures Gift book, to discuss what is happening at this time of the year in the hives. Lots of Questions asked by people.

All hives doing well, no extraction of honey today, Marked 2 new Queens.

People took a tub of honey home.

### Marks Report for Honey bee farm/ flow hives

21 people attended the Honey bee farm resort meeting.

No Vic today as his brother Eric passed away, our thoughts are with Vic and his family.

I asked Mick if he would start opening the hives at one end and guide the workshop visitors through the hives. I started at the other end with some of the group.

It was a great learning experience for all the visitors, they all said how much they liked being able to handle the frames, they found two unmarked Queens one from box 2 and one from box 4 and we managed to mark them both successfully.

All the hives are working well, we could have taken a couple of frames of honey, with all the rain about we decided to leave them. Only a few beetles which was good. We then went up to the club house and had a good cuppa and cake

Thanks, Mick, for all your help.

### Bill : Native Bees at Landcare.

The hives are no further ahead from last year, the hives are just holding.

The splits that were done and taken home by Bill are going well. No sign of the phorid fly that was around last year.

Stories:

Derek said the native bee hives at his place that are just wood are going well, the other hives with black pipe in have died out for some reason.

Raffle: Won by Greg, he got a book.