

Valley Bee Meeting Minutes 15th October 2022

Attended: Mark, Maree, Lyn, Derek, Vic, Bill, Chris, Julie, Josh, Ian and Judy, Reg, Marg and Dana

Apologies: Pauline, Greg,

Minutes accepted: Lyn and Maree

Business Arising:

Apithor is here, Maree ordered

Bill wanted to know when we would look at the Indoor Bowls Hall to see if it was suitable to have the Open Day next year. Bill said it has tables and chairs. The decision to all go and have a look after the Landcare workshop on the 5 of Nov @ 12

Dana to buy oil to go under hives @ Honey bee farm

Mark to buy materials for the flow hives @as they are falling apart, he is checking out cedar wood as an option.

Outgoing mail: None

Incoming: Few small bills and membership emails

Treasures Report: Read and accepted by Maree, seconded by Bill

General Business:

We are going to look @ the Indoor bowls hall, to see if it will be suitable for our Valley Bees Open day 2023.

Reg told us about how he, Marg, Pauline, and Brian attended the Jones Hill Spring Festival Open day and did a display for the school children. Brian did all the talking, no smoko served and only 10 min sessions for each class (really not long enough for the children to learn) They all tasted honey and Reg said that some children had never tasted honey at all. But a great day was had by all.

Landcare: 1st October 22

Vic talked about swarming season and what to expect, as we checked began to check the hives, one of them was swarming to the top of the trees. 4/6 hives had swarmed at Landcare. The hives @ Landcare have to be moved as a new shed is being built, so on the 4.10.22 Vic and Mark moved the hives to a new location, using old grass to block the hives, many of them went back to the blocks where they used to be so Vic smoked them into a nuk box and added a Queen. 36 people attended the morning.

Honey Bee Resort: 15th October 22

Flow hives are doing well the one at Landcare is falling apart and needs a new bottom and box, the one at Honey Bee farm, the top ideal is capped and they are bringing in honey.

The hive at the far end of Honey bee farm has swarmed and the beetle has got in and slimed it out, Vic was able to save one box to start the hive going again, Mark grabbed a frame of day old's from another hive to kick start the hive again (hopefully). In the other hives, two Queens were marked. Good day about 20 people with some more new members.

Native Bees

Bill said the box building day was successful and 8 boxes were made in all.

He wanted to remind everyone of the bee day on the 29th of October to relocate some bees and split a hive.

Raffle of fruit and Veggies won by Lyn

Raffle of trees won by, Marg, Julie, Joshua, Mark, Reg, Dana, Scott, and Two others.

Vic Landcare Report

Marks Flow hive report

Bills Native Bee report