

Meeting held 15/4/2023

ATTENDED: Pauline, Maree, Mark, Dave ,Vic, Jimmy, Reg , Marj, Jennifer

APOLOGIES: Lyn, Dereck, Greg, Wayne.

MINUTES ACCEPTED: moved Pauline ,second by Marj.

BUSINESS ARISING: It was decided by vote that we will not except Murray Keys (Enviro Tech) and Alex Van Beek (Gympie and District Sustainable Alliance) offer to combine with Valley Bees open day in 2024.

Also at Landcare workshop on July 1st , Vic will need some help as Reg and Mark will be at Quilt show stand. Coffee, tea, sugar, milk, and hot water will be needed at the workshop.

OUT GOING MAIL: letter to council securing the 25/26 August 2023 for the open day.

IN COMING MAIL: A email from Cleanaway to hold a stall at the open day.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Maree has secured an Efpas machine for the open day .

We all agreed to donate \$2000 to Angel Flight. Moved Mark second by Vic

\$30 donation was approved to Gympie Show. Moved Marj second by Reg.

Maree purchased 5 bee signs from ABK, to advice persons attending so that they are aware of the risks, 3 of these signs are available for sale at \$18 each.

Mark moved to buy 2 boxes and bases for Honeybee Farm hives, second by Reg.

Vic said we are not to carry epi pens any more. The responsibility is on the persons attending any workshop or function, Valley Bees members would be held responsible for anything that went wrong whilst administering it. If someone is stung and allergic best to dial 000.

As of the 22nd of March Dana has resigned from her position as Chairperson. On behalf of the Valley Bees members, I would like to say a big thank you to Dana and Mick for all their contributions and hard work they put into the club.

TREASURERS REPORT: Maree read out and moved be true and correct, second by Marj.

VIC'S REPORT: Good roll up, about 25. Mixed crowd, great to see some of the older members turn up, nice to see, as some haven't been for a while. Vic talked about Autumn bees, gave update on Varroa Mite. Question often asked "Why does comb go dark" old age is one answer. Lots of people like to help working the hives and we encourage that as they get hands on experience. Best thing club purchased was the new knife.

MARKS REPORT: Good roll up. Mark lit the smoker and handed it to Julie and Rolly , who promptly went and started up opening the hives. Both done well and Julie was pleased she found the queen second frame in. No 1,4,6 hives have capped honey. No 5 hive is only working 6 out of 9 frames. Flow hive had no works in top. Nuc's going well.

Alcohol wash was done – negative. Drone uncapping was clear. Jennifer has put her hand up to report to QBA. These hive inspections are due again on the 5th of August and 5th December.

Next Honeybee Farm workshop will be held on the 27th of May, the next week after because of the show.

Meeting closed 12.15. raffle won by Dave.