

Valley Bees meeting 19/08/2023

Vic gave us a lovely welcome.

Apologies: Mark, Maree and Pauline

Minutes circulated with no business arising (no-one passed or seconded)

Inwards correspondence:

AGM Tasmanian Beekeepers Association

Food safety programme (info for beekeepers selling honey)

Valley Bees Expo, 26/08/2023, discussion:

22 stalls

Presentation by Hamish from Bio-security Qld on varoa mite

3 raffles: Native bee hive, flow hive and a selection of honey from Reg

Expo open to public from 9 to 3 pm

Stall holders from 8am with some coming on Friday afternoon

Valley bee members to help set up hall after 4pm on Friday 27/08/2023

Reports:

Landcare

20-30 enthusiastic old and new members attended

Harvested 12 frames, 18 kg honey

Hands-on frame construction demo

Honeybee farm

9 frames harvested

Nuc hive has a full box of bees and all hives in breed up mode

Will start another nuc at next months meeting

Future rainfall to dictate how busy the bees (and us) will be in the months ahead

Swarms

5 reported among members

Check to see if hive lids have a lot of bees or burr comb

Inspect brood for swarm cells

Good honeyflow reported by most attendees

Meeting concluded 12.08pm

Michele won raffle