

Valley Bees Meeting 16/09/2023

General meeting opened 12 noon.

Meeting Chaired by :- Pauline Alexander

Attendees:- Pauline, Mark, Maree, Michelle, Alan, Julie, Chris, Rolly, Jennifer, Marj, Reg, Swarna, John, Mick, Kate, Nat, John, Ian and Ken Bannister.

Apologies:-

Minutes from previous meeting read.

Business arising from minutes:-

Peter from Switzerland is starting to feed his bees over there and is looking forward to coming home.

Treasurers report:- Read by Maree, seconded by Julie. To pay all outstanding accounts.

General Business:- Ken said from a beekeeper perspective the open day is better at Imbil. Pauline will investigate it and talk to the school.

Landcare:- Vic . workshop was well attended with 25 people turning up.

Vic talked about seasonal conditions and swarms are already beginning, you need to give the hive plenty of room, there was lots of uncapped honey in hives.

At home look at hives fortnightly. Two nucs were started. Last hive looked at had creamy cells not white. Took honey off.

Did a brood mite test and was reported by Rolly. Vic gave a varroa update.

Brian Mackenzie gave an interesting talk on how to prepare your honey for the shows.

Honey Bee farm:- Rolly, Jennifer and Julie looked into hives 6,5,4, than transferred frames into Kens new hive. Vic and crew opened up hives 1,2,3,, took off 2 full and 3 half frames and spun them out getting nearly a full bucket of honey. 2 nucs were started.

Thanks to Ken Bannister for giving a demo on the new box that Hive IQ donated to the club.

Christmas breakup was discussed , to be held at Mother Mountain if hall available and have it in November as December too busy.

Meeting closed 12.30pm

Next meeting October 21st.

Raffle won by Pauline