

MEETING HELD AT HONEYBEE FARM 18/11/2023.

WELCOME EVERYONE NEW AND OLD.

ATTENDIES: Mark, Maree, Pauline, Reg, Marj, Greg, Michelle, Alan, Lyn, Derrick, Dave, Julie, Rolly, Youssef, Carol, John.

APOLOGIES: Tom, Kayle, Brian.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: read and excepted by all.

BUSINESS ARISING: a date to be giving to Mary Valley college for our open day. 31 August 2024 was excepted, will be given to MVC, they will let us know if it fits in with their diary.

Check Imbil Show date.

TREASURERS REPORT from Maree: Read and moved by Maree seconded by Rolly.

INWARDS CORRESPONDANCE: read out by Maree. Commission from sale of flow hive was \$142.82.

Joanne Johnston from Nambour is selling beekeeping equipment. Pauline has list if anyone wants it.

Woodstock, May 2024

Regarding the storage shed we want to put at Landcare, Maree is to submit a plan and map where we want it to the Landcare management committee. Base will be blue metal and sleepers all around.

OUTWARDS CORRESPONDANCE: Nil

LANDCARE REPORT from Vic: good morning, about 25 in attendance. Vic spoke about the seasonal changes and what we should be looking out for. Our biggest challenge will be Varroa mite. Mark did sugar shake on drones, all clear also alcohol wash was clear, and Rolly will report on them. 6 hives are all good lots of uncapped honey on them. Remember to not take uncapped honey off as it will ferment.

HONEYBEE FARM REPORT from Mark. Great to see a few new faces amongst the 25 that attended the workshop. Vic spoke about the Varroa mite situation, our best thing to do is monitor our hives do the sugar shake and alcohol wash and REPORT.

Based on technical expert advice provided to ARBIC, beekeepers can follow some basic treatment principles, monitor, and report. Regarding Varroa mite treatments, which are currently only permitted for NSW as no Varroa detections have occurred in our state.

The two nucs made up, well one is gone , must question the queen in that one(but not sure she will say anything) and the other one is going strong. All hives are looking good , the new Styrofoam hive is going strong. These hives are for sale \$320 for hive and metal lid but come in flat pack and need painting.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Nil

DON'T FORGET THE BREAKUP AT MOTHER MOUNTAIN HALL NOVEMBER 25 AT 12 NOON.

Bring a plate of sweets to share.

Youssef won the fruit and veg tray from Mitchell's.

Meeting closed 12 noon.