

**Valley Bee Meeting Minutes:** 17/02/2024

**Opened:** 11.15 am

**Attendees:** Maree , Mark, Vic , John, Greg, Chris, Jodie, Greg E, Rolly, Julie, Michelle, Alan,

**Apologies:** Pauline , Carole Willis, Reg & Marj, Tom, Youseff, Jennifer,

**Read Minutes:** Minutes from previous meeting moved by Maree, seconded by Julie

**Inward correspondence: Maree**

Jo Martin, QBA: Encouraging people to perform varroa surveillance and report findings. Of the 10200 beekeepers, only 62 are reporting to Bee123.

Becca McBride :GRC Planning Events to attend Enviro & Resource Recovery event planner – requesting confirmation for the date for the Valley Bees open day. Same provided by Maree.

Diane Simpson: Contacted Maree in relation of wanting to sell a hive as she is moving to Mackay (Diane attended today's workshop and her hive was purchased by a Beekeeper at Workshop).

QBA: Contacted the club in relation to attendance at the varroa information session workshop.

Adel Frew: Requested assistance in engaging a mentor for his (and his neighbours) hives. Unknown where he resides, said he will join the club at some stage.

Dave Schlipalius: Reply to email that he will be attending the next Landcare workshop on March 2 to provide information regarding varroa. Always good to have Dave visit always a interesting talk.

**Outward correspondence: Maree**

Reply to Dave Schlipalius to confirm attendance at the workshop.

Shakira (webpage) – request to update Valley Bees webpage to incorporate the flyer for the open day. It was placed in an inconspicuous location, hope rectify so that it is more visible.

**Treasurers report:**

Read & moved by Maree, seconded by Rolly.

**Workshop reports:**

**Landcare: Vic**

28 attendees.

Transferred one of the triple hives to the HiveIQ. Went well.

25kg of honey harvested, including 3 flow frames. 2-3 months worth of honey.

**Honeybee: Mark**

Hives 1, 2 and 3 looked good, very few beetle.

Hive 5 – a bit feisty. 2 x supercedure cells located, 1 capped, 1 open. Queen not seen.

Hive 6 – number down a bit.

Plenty of stores, not enough to harvest.

Vic whipper snipped around the hives.

**Flow: Mark**

**Natives:**

Reg is going to check at Landcare next workshop.

Alan and Michelle gave a run down on what their (9!) hives are doing.

**General business:**

**Maree** had a phone call from Kayle Findlay regarding Apiculture Section at Gympie Show. He has a meeting with Mikaela on Tuesday. Asked us to go & Pauline, Reg & Marj, Brian. QBA Apiculture Stand is no longer in Pavilion where it has been for years since Pavilion was built.

**Greg** Reported Fruit & Vege Box was good.

**Mark** brought gear for both sites so Valley Bees has own Hive Tools

2 of ea Bee Brushes, 2 of ea Hive Tools 4 in all, 2 Smokers, Box of Foundation, 2 Hot Knives, already have 1 used at Landcare, 1 for Raffle to go in wooden box Peter Velenski made & donated

**Open Day**

Pauline met with Imbil Secondary College to discuss the open day on 31/08/2024.

Setup Friday 30/8/24 3pm to 5pm,

Saturday 31/8/24 6am. Gates Open 9am to 2pm

**Raffle:**

Won by Maree.

**Meeting closed:** 11.55am.