

Tri-County Beekeepers Meeting
Tuesday, January 2, 2018

Board members Bob Cross, Juliet Brambrink and Mitch Theis were present. Member attendance was approximately 55.

Bob Cross called meeting to order at 7:05. Three new members were present.

- Vern Heise presented a silent auction of beekeeping items from retired beekeeper Skip Kmitch.
- Scholarship winners were presented. One winner was from Sauk Rapids-Rice and one was from Holdingford. Sarah Doroff has offered to mentor one scholarship winners. One more mentor is needed. Mentors must pass a background check.
- The club is offering community education classes in the coming months. Spread the word to others who may be interested. Funds raised via community ed classes are used for youth scholarships and other activities.
- It is time to renew memberships. Membership is \$10 for the year.
- Bee orders: Information will be available at the February meeting, and orders will be placed after the March meeting. Nuc orders are available through Wayne and Cindy Rusch. Feed pails and pollen patties will also be available at bee package pick up.
- Committee volunteers are needed: library committee, purchasing committee, swarm committee, website committee, fair committee, picnic committee, education committee, demonstration hive committee and audit committee are all looking for members.
- The library committee has purchased some books from Mann Lake. Books were bargain priced and must be picked up at their office. If you are heading to Mann Lake soon please contact the committee to make arrangements.
- Budget vote: Budget as presented last month was approved by member vote.
- Conrad Legatt presented the process of making creamed honey and shared samples.
- Cindy Rusch presented information about rendering wax and making beeswax candles.
- The club received a letter from a property owner north of Cold Spring. If you are interested in having hives in this location contact Mitch Theis.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm. Silent action ended at 8:47 pm.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance: \$8,929.19

Extractor: +\$10

Ending balance: \$8,939.19