

Tricounty Beekeepers Association Meeting April 2, 2024

Meeting called to order by President Krissy Eich at 7:00pm

Secretary's report from last meeting read and approved

Treasurer's report read- beginning balance- \$6327.13, Membership dues- \$170.00, Scholarship donation \$25.00, Paypal transfer \$339.50, ending balance \$6861.63

Question was raised about Paypal payments (how much does paypal take, Do people who pay on line get added to email list? Dennis and Krissy will meet with Clay White (former treasurer) and discuss how to handle online dues payment.

Treasurer's report approved

Logo shirts can be ordered tonight after meeting. Logo can be on front or back. Logo on both front and back will cost \$6.00 extra.

Thank you to everyone who brought donations for the food pantry to the March meeting.

Glenn Kooiman can still take orders for bee packages. You must contact him directly. Date for bee delivery is not known yet but will be sent out in a club-wide email when known.

Fair Committee- we need a chair for the fair committee and a couple to serve on committee and we need people to plan on working at the booth.

Vern Heise reported on the education committee. Beekeeping class went well and ended on Monday. Vern is looking for someone to take over teaching the beekeeping class. Mentor group is zooming with scholarship winners.

Nelson Williams from the U of M gave a presentation on queen rearing and good beekeeping practices. U of M has hives at the Landscape Arboretum and will have some programs scheduled there this summer.

What should I be doing now?- Feed, feed, feed sugar water 1:1 check surviving bees to see if they have enough food. Feed new packages even if trees are blooming.

Queen marking kits were discussed. Competitive Advantage brand recommended.

Craig Shepard volunteered to demonstrate queen rearing technique at his bee yard in St. Michael, maybe a club trip?

Discard old frames and comb about every 5 years.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Orders were taken by Dennis (treasurer) for t-shirts and sweatshirts with club logo.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Jonas