

Minutes Valley Bees Meeting 20/4/2024 Time 1.10am

Attendees: Pauline , Maree , Chris & Julie , Greg E & Roberta , Vic , Dave , Lyn & Derek ,Greg G , Youssef , Andy ,Tuyet , Marj & Reg .

Apologies: Mark , Eliza , Alan & Michele

Previous Minutes: Read Moved by Pauline , 2nd by Reg

Business Arising out of Minutes: none

General Business: Peter Velenski & Cooroy Woodworkers Group donated a Coat/Hat Rack for our Open Day Raffle . We already have a Hot uncapping knife in a wooden box made by Peter V & Native Hive also for our Raffles. As both our Flow hives are rotting away ,it was decided down the track we will use our Flow credits to replace Flow Hives with Cedar Boxes.

Correspondence Inward: QBA email Valley Bees membership due , Maree ok to pay. Email from Martin Couell Wanting to get work on Commercial Bee Farm , Maree has contact details for him if anyone should want it. Booking Forms for Open Day coming in.

Outward: None

Treasurers Report: Read by Maree , 2nd by Reg

Reports: Landcare Vic: 23 people turned up. Vic gave usual update on Varroa, still no Varroa Destructor in Queensland . There were 37 mites (Varroa Jacobsoni) found on a colony of Asian bees found near the Port of Brisbane. Vic spoke about the lack of Honey coming in due to the weather conditions. If you need to feed the bees sugar water, remember that 2 water & 2 sugar is for stimulating the Queen to get her to lay. You only need 2 water & 1 sugar to give the bees a boost along. From the QBA webinar that Vic & Rolly watched an update on alcohol wash was demonstrated. Remember 3 washes & gentle swirling with the container. Than Vic did Drone testing all clear & Rolly will report to BEE123.

Honeybee Farm Mark : Mark away , Vic gave report :Checked 5 Hives not many beetle . Did Varroa check alcohol wash & Drone uncapping all clear & Rolly will report to BEE123. We had 3 new people come to learn about bees , Nick , Helen & Tabitha.

Mark Flow Hive : Vic said he didn't go into it today due to weather closing in on us . Landcare Flow we did an Alcohol wash with Neg result.

Reg & Peter Native Bees: Reg report: Peter & myself went into Native Hives at Landcare , 4 people came to look ,once the hive was opened we got Bees in everywhere you could think of. Hive needs to be split in Spring. Reg gave us an entertaining story on his time on Morton Island in 1972. Fifty two years ago when I got my 1st swarm ,I put it into a box I'd painted with enamel paint but hadn't aired & sure enough bees died, fumes killed the bees I have since learnt to air boxes well. Reg talked about how Vic ,Mark, Maree & others turn up twice a month every month and how we are the only club that gives Free advice. Valley Bees take great pride in giving information free , we are there to promote the honey bees and native bees. Vic said and it will stay free .

Raffle won by Marj. Meeting closed at 11.55am

Next Meeting : Will be the **25th May 2024** week after Gympie Show which is 16th,17th & 18th May