

## Midwestern Beekeepers Association

### May General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May 19, 2016 at Bass Pro in Independence, Mo.

**Attendance:** 70

**Open: Bob Williams**, President, opened the meeting at 7pm welcoming and invited **Cathy Misko**, Youth Scholarship Chairperson to explain about the Silent Auction we were having tonight. She explained that the Silent Auction was a fund raiser for the MBA Youth Scholarship Student Program. She encouraged all attendees to bid high and check their items frequently to make sure they stayed high bidder. She also thanked all those who donated items for the auction. **Cathy M.** also reminded all of the Queen Raffle going on tonight sharing information that 9 of the Queens in tonight's raffle were from Hawaii. This money raised also goes into the Youth Scholarship Program Funds. **Cathy M.** announced that she was not going to be head of the Youth Scholarship Committee next year and if anyone was interested in that position to be sure and let her or another Officer know.

**Bob W.** then introduced Board Members and asked if there were any new members attending tonight. He asked if any corrections were needed to the online April General Meeting Minutes. No corrections needed. Motion was made and seconded to approve as posted. Motion carried.

Reminder that the Treasurer's Report is online now for review as well as the Library listings. Explained briefly how to check out books. Make sure you pay your membership dues if needed and check out the table at the back of the room for Brochures of a Hive Lift and the Swarm List. You must be a member to be on the Swarm List. He asked folks to introduce themselves to those around them and turned the floor over to **Tom Britz** , Programs.

Honey Plants Chair, **Debbie DeCaigney** gave a brief report on what honey plants were blooming at present including Dutch clover, Yellow clover and Black Locust.

**Tom B.** then introduced **Brian Schlueter**, of Moonstruck Meadery in Bellevue, NE as tonight's speaker. **Brian S.** shared how he got started in the Mead business as well as explaining step by step the process of making his fine products.

Bottling/labeling and selling were all a part of his program with emphasis on quality. Questions were answered during and after. Mead samples were offered afterward for any interested in taste testing his delicious and delightful brew. It was announced from the floor that APEC, next to Harbor Freight in Independence carries Wine/Beer making supplies.

**Tom B.** thanked **Brian S.** and stated he would give those interested in checking their bid sheets a few more minutes to do so before closing the Auction.

**Announcements:** Nuc Meeting, June 6, 2016, 7pm at Bass Pro. **Steve** and **Debbie DeCaigney** will present a program focused on getting your entries ready for the Mo State Fair.

June 16, 2016, 7pm, next General Meeting at Bass Pro with speaker **Jeffrey Mattock**, presenting a program on 'Expanding Your Apiary.'

Auction closed and Queen Raffle tickets were drawn. Attendees were excited to win a Queen whether it was from Hawaii or more local.

Lucky Silent Auction individuals were asked to collect their purchases and go to the back table to settle up.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 and folks assisted to help put the room back in order.

Secretary\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_