

MIDWESTERN BEEKEEPER'S ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Date: Sunday, March 17, 2019 in the Conservation Room at Bass Pro Shops in Independence MO at 2:30 pm.

Attendance: 67

The General Membership meeting was opened by Phil Duncan, by welcoming all attendees.

Phil reminded members that association dues must be paid, to continue receiving MBA communications. The next meeting is April 14, moved up one week due to Easter.

Eri Messner discussed NEKA Fun Day on June 1st, in Lawrence KS. He introduced the speaker, Roger Wood, presenting "Colony Build-Up".

Factors influencing spring colony build up are bees, blooms, and weather. You will need a healthy quantity of bees, covering 7 frames in hive body, adequate blooms for food source and acceptable weather to maintain blooms, without excess rain/wind to wash nectar and pollen away. If cold for more than 3 days, preventing bee activity (temperatures below 50F, bees will remain in cluster), supplement with protein, carbohydrates, and water. You should expect 3 brood cycles by the end of April, in anticipation of the honey flow, adequate bee quantity will support foraging and honey production.

Question and answer session followed the MBA General Membership meeting.

The MBA Board approved to give one admission to the Northeast Kansas Association Fun Day, as a door prize, during the February, March, April, and May General Meeting. The February recipient is Jolene Hallam, who rescinded the admission, allowing 2 admissions for the March meeting. Ana Boatman and Phil Fahlk had the winning tickets, Phil declined his ticket. Two lucky winners will be drawn at the April meeting. Additional door prizes were given to ticket winners. Meeting was concluded after door prize drawings.

The next MBA General Meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2019 at 2:30pm, at the Independence Bass Pro Shops, in the Conservation Room on the lower level.