

110917 MHB Honeybees

McDowell Honeybees Monthly Meeting
November 9, 2017

Called to order by Ed Speer at 6:33 pm

Business meeting:

Recognized veterans in honor of
Minutes approved as is from October Meeting - Don Motion to approve, Jacob Seconds, all approved

Treasurer report

As of 11/1, total is \$ \$4,994.83

Committees

Beekeeper education -

Bee School - Karen Speer - 2018 Chairperson

Feb 3, 10, & 17; Apr 14

Volunteers needed (workshops, auction, etc) - signup circulated

We need 1 pound peanut butter jars

MTCC Apiary - Honey House - Adam W

Closed for the season

Adam asking for volunteers to help repair floor 11/11 10am

Community Outreach

Hospitality - Lynn B.

Social Media - Karen S.

The McDowell Honeybees FB group now has 99 members

McDowellHoneybees.org - Doubles the number of visits this month over last

Newsletters - Ed S.

NC Bee Grant - still accepting applications

New Business

- New attendees
- Accomplishments
 - 2017 Club Accomplishments:
 - Revised By-Laws
 - GAP Award/Notebook
 - 2017 Bee School (75 students took course; 30 passed written, 19 passed Certified written & practical exams)
 - Replaced 3 hives at MTCC
 - 2 Honey Tasting Contests/Pollen Analyses of 6 Winners sent to Texas A&M
 - Strong club treasury
 - \$4,592.49 Oct 31, 2016 (96 paid members)
 - \$4,994.83 Oct 31, 2017 (72 paid members)
 - Ray Revis, NCSBA Master Beekeeper awarded Lifetime membership to the McDowell Honeybees (Also recognized at NCSBA 100th Anniversary State meeting)
 - Recognition of James Nation for his service to agriculture
 - Honey Bee Wellness Program
 - Monthly e-Newsletters (McDowell Bee Buzz—11 editions)
 - Regular Monthly Meetings (11)

- Executive Committee Bi-Monthly Meetings (5)
- Mountain Glory Festival (Booth, Observation Hive, & \$645 Honey Sales)
- Honey Donation to Farm Bureau for member appreciation dinner
- Honey donated for McDowell County Farm-To-Table dinner
- Honeybee Presentations:
 - McDowell County Ag Awareness Days (470 elementary school kids)
 - West Marion Elementary School (30 Muddy Potters—garden club)
 - McDowell Middle School Summer Camp - June 29 - (20 kids)
 - 2017 McDowell County Jr. Livestock Show - August 4 & 5 - Ray, Adam, Jacqui and Shannon
 - McDowell Library - Summer Adult Reading Program - August 9 - Bill, Vanda and Ed
 - Western North Carolina Cub Scout Day Camp (35 Cub Scouts)
 - Daughters of American Revolution (15 people)
 - Daughters of Civil War (10 people)
 - 4-H Club Hive Tour (14 people)
- MHB Facebook Group (99 members)
- Other Club member accomplishments:
 - Doug and Sharry - Best Sourwood - Center for Honey Bee Research
 - WNC AG Options grant to Charlie Myers and Kathryn Curran
 - McDowell County Honey Trail - 26 members (All MHB members)
 - SBF hosting W. Marion Elementary Muddy potters and Science Club this fall and next spring
 - McDowell News/ Bee Buzz Honey Testing Article
 - McDowell High Beekeeping training for High School Ag Students - Bill Hendley
 - Karen Speer - 2nd place beeswax at NCSBA summer meeting
 - Karen Speer - NCSBA Master Beekeeper
- Elections
 - Ed Speer - President
 - Don Miller - VP
 - Karen Speer - Secretary
 - Jim Austin - Treasurer
 - Incumbent Director - Adam Wright
 - Ray Revis
 - Tonya Kiser
 - Stephanie Wild

Closing

No Meeting in December

Next Executive Board meeting January 9 - Sweet Betsy Farm

makes motion we close the business meeting, seconds

Business Meeting Closed at 6:54 pm

7:15 pm Potluck

7:45 pm Open Discussion

8:15 pm Door Prizes/Announcements

8:20 pm Adjourn

Minutes submitted by Karen Speer, Secretary