

ECWBA Meeting Minutes

Dec 16, 2017

Location: Green Lake Caestecker Library,

Meeting called to order by Gerard Schubert at 9:30

Attendance: 14

Visiting: David and Amos from Cambria

Introduction of members- where are you from, how are your hives doing, mite treatment

Secretary Report

Treasurer Report

Committee Reports

- 501c3 Report
 - Leanne not here
 - Need Constitution
 - Be more formal and structured
 - Insurance or Good Samaritan law
 - Becoming LLC
 - Concern over enough active membership to serve
 - Tabled till January

Old Business

- Extractor
 - Shane's FDA inspector approved it contingent on no extracting during winemaking
 - Compensation of \$10 a day or \$20 of product
 - Purchase Leaf Blower to blow frames before entering
 - Contact Shane for installation date
- Damon Reabe Presentation - no date locked in yet

New Business

- Beekeeping Classes
 - Check if municipalities require Certified Instructor
 - Poll membership with email survey
 - Interest in club offering class, taking class, and volunteers, contact info
- Membership Dues
 - Increase to \$10 or keep at \$5
 - Consensus to change to \$10 (one nay vote)
- Fundraising
 - Discuss if needed in the future
- Club hive for selling club honey
 - Tabled till January

Discussion

- Empty hives already reported, no bees but honey left
- Upper entrance and ventilation key to winter survival
- Check sugar boards every two week for sugar, avoid windy days

Demonstration

- Fred brought in a Nuc and discussed the importance of having a backup queen

Announcements

- January 20 Meeting will be voting for President and Secretary
 - Include voting in newsletter to encourage interest in running
- February 19 - Markesan Library Presentation 6pm, Paul, Laurie & Mike, Gerard, Patti & Mark

Next Meeting Jan 20th, Green Lake Caestecker Library 9:30am

Meeting Adjourned 10:54

Gerard brought stollen