

Barambah Bee Keepers

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Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held 11 February 2017 at the Kingaroy RSL club, Kingaroy 4610. Meeting opened at 10:25 am.

Dennis Wilson (re elected as president for this year) opened the meeting, and welcomed Sally Mewett our Secretary for this year, and Robert Kruger our new Treasurer.

All three will now be signatories for our Heritage Bank Account.

Present: Members: Jack Bates, Richard Bowtell-Harris, Robert Hughes, Robert Kruger, Sally Mewett, John Paynter, Jeffery Sorensen, John Stevens, Ken Tollefson, Joanne Tollefson, June Deane, Aaron Walker, Allan Sheppard, Scott Cossens, Merlyn Reeves, David Horton, Gaye Jarvis, Denise Orme, Dennis Wilson, Lyn Sheppard.

Guests: Nil

Apologies: Elaine Sorenson, Margaret Kidd, Craig Dunston, Colleen Dunston, Steve Bliss.

The President from last year (Dennis Wilson)

Moved by John Stevens, Seconded by Allan Sheppard that December 2016 Minutes were true and correct record

Meeting Minutes: for December 2016 have been posted online

Correspondence: Joanne had a call from Hamish Lamb, Apiary Section, BioSecurity Qld, offering to do a presentation. He prefers an open day (for a larger audience). Joanne to forward his contact details to Dennis.

Also Ipswich Beekeepers have an Open Day on March 12 at Peak Crossing. Refer to their website for more info.

Treasurer's Report: New Treasurer Robert Kruger has taken the reins. We currently have a positive balance sheet.

Business Arising:

Aprons - Bev Hoddinott has delivered the aprons. Thank you Bev.

Activities for the coming year: Dennis asked for ideas from the floor.

1. Blackbutt hives. John Stevens and Robert Hughes are interested in being involved.
2. Frame construction demonstration – Ken Tollefson, John Stevens, Robert Kruger and John Paynter offered their expertise.
3. Field day at John Paynter's place at Nanango.
4. UTube videos (short snippets) for meetings.
5. Short courses (e.g. Jeff Herriot comes up this way and might be interested). Dave Horton to f/up with Jeff.
6. Either Nanango and Kingaroy show day. Not both. Coming up in April and May. Kingaroy the preferred site. South Burnett Beekeeping Supplies will provide BBK with whatever is required. Margaret Kidd has offered to lend her observation hive (Sally to follow up). There are a range of plans for obs hives on the web (e.g. beesource.com). John Stevens is prepared to make a small one for the club if required.
7. Nanango Markets – Honey taken off club hive has been sold at markets. Despite it being quiet at the markets recently, a consistent presence is recommended, and at \$15 per month is not an expensive way of advertising the club. Dennis called for volunteers to help with markets – Richard, Aaron, Robert, Ken, Joanne, John Paynter and John Stevens have offered their time. Dennis to co-ordinate.
8. QBA are holding a field day in Gympie in May or June, and also a meeting day in Murgon on 27 February 2017. Gaye to forward details to Ken and Dennis.

Swarms – reminder that information is required when a member of the public calls about a swarm (location, size, accessibility) before a BBK member goes out. Robert Hughes was recently called out to Childers. Reminder that Aussie Apiarists online, and a Gumtree search for “beekeepers” may be helpful if calls are coming in from far afield.

Advertising – A reminder that Aaron Walker has produced a Facebook page for BBK. Also South Burnett Chat on F/B and radio advertising e.g. 4SB re meetings and field days.

Help with Hives - Could members please contact Dennis, Ken or John Stevens if they need help or advice with their hive. Members can move their hives to the Kingair site if home site is poor.

Other Business:

