

Minutes from Barambah Beekeepers meeting 9th March 2019

Meeting opened by John at 09:05.

Apologies from Dave and Gaye, Richard, Robert K, Kym S and Elaine.

Previous minutes were read by secretary. Moved by Robert H and seconded by Dennis.

Business arising from minutes

A Facebook page has been setup. It was setup by Craig who hasn't been at the club for a year. John tried to get in touch with him, but he is away on holidays. Once he gets back from holidays, John is going to talk to him to get the password and take it over.

Insurance was talked about under QBA. John talked to QBA, Wesfarmers and BIEDO. QBA are looking in to it. Wesfarmers are getting back to John. BIEDO got back to John and he found out that it was the Tablelands hall that used an insurance broker up in Bundaberg. He's also waiting for a call back from them. BIEDO also did mention that we may be able to get a grant from council for part/full payment of the insurance. It usually is for building insurance, but they may make an exception.

A new BBQ has arrived for the club. This came from the local bank manager who has moved to the Sunshine coast and didn't need the BBQ anymore. Everyone thanked him for the BBQ. John was also able to obtain a gas bottle for it through Nanango gas suppliers. We will also get free gas when it needs filling. Everyone thanks Nanango gas suppliers and we will be attaching a sticker to the BBQ for their advertisement.

John got a phone on a \$30 plan for 6 months. This will be the club phone and number. This phone number will be advertised and passed on to the next president. This will bring continuity to the club as we recently had a magazine which had a contact number for someone from 3 years ago. The plan enables the president to receive calls, but it's too costly to make calls from it, so we will continue to use our personal phones for making outgoing calls. Everyone was in favour for keeping the phone.

When we become incorporated we need to submit a financial statement every month. We haven't had one done for 2 years.

The treasurers report was read. Income from membership, outgoings for Nuc. Moved by John and seconded by Merle.

General business

We will need to change signatures at the bank and John has organised that we can do this on the Saturday of the meeting.

The Endeavour foundation don't look like coming back to the gardens. They found it difficult to water the gardens without a pump and electricity. Talk was about what we do with the raised beds. Do we put anything in to the the gardens or do we just let council knock them down. Talk was to put bee friendly perennials in to the gardens that don't need water. At the moment we'll see how they go and decided later in the year.

John S and John P went to the QBA meeting in Murgon. They said that there were a lot of professionals and were very nice people to talk to. The next meeting is in Childers if anyone was interested in going.

The club beehives need looking after. Everyone is happy for Dennis to look after these, but everyone can go and have a look at any time. They just need to check in with Dennis and also write in the book when they open them up and what observations there were.

We got some bee frames and boxes from Dave at Burnett Beekeeping supplies. The bill came in with a discount. Everyone thanked Dave and Burnett Beekeeping supplies. John moved that we pay the bill straight away, seconded by Steve B.

There are 2 local shows coming up, one in Nanango and the other for Kingaroy. Do we want to do them again? Who is going to volunteer to run them? Burnett Beekeeping supplies will offer some equipment for show and Dave is checking to see if Darryl from Flowhive will be coming along again.

Someone from North Burnett emailed about coming out for a training day. There was talk about having a day where we can learn how to find and mark a queen bee. In the club hives, one is marked and another is not. Joanne talked about having an amateur beekeeping day where we can invite a lot of people and advertise as they can be a very helpful day for novices.

There are a few spare spots over the next few weeks for honey sales at the shed. Some people are running low on honey. John spoke about everytime someone sells honey on the weekend, they donate 1kg to the club which will help the club raise funds and pay for things like the insurance.

The incorporation model rules were handed out. Members need to take these away for 14 days and we will reconvene on 23/03/2019 and hold an EGM to ratify the model rules. The meeting will be held at 09:00. This will then allow us to incorporate as a club and we will get insurance and there will be more people interested in becoming members.

On the 23/3 we will also look at the club hive to decide whether we are going to put the flowhive back on top. So bring your gear.

Meeting closed at 1005.