

Barambah Bee Keepers

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Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held 13 May 2017 at the Kingaroy RSL club, Kingaroy 4610.
Meeting opened at 10:30 am.

Present: Members: Jack Bates, Richard Bowtell-Harris, Robert Kruger, Sally Mewett, Jeffery Sorensen, Scott Cossens, Denise Orme, John Paynter, Ken Tollefson, Joanne Tollefson, Steve Bliss, Robert Hughes, Merlyn Reeves, Margaret Kidd.

Guests: Nil

Apologies: Elaine Sorenson, Dave Horton, June Deane, Gaye Jarvis, Dennis Wilson.

Meeting Minutes: for April 2017 have been posted online and a summary presented at the meeting by the Secretary. Moved as true and correct by Robert Kruger, seconded by Margaret Kidd. Carried.

Correspondence: Emails to and from Flow Hive, and Patricia Swift from BioSecurity.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Robert Kruger tabled his report for the month ending 30 April 2017. It was moved by Joanne Tollefson, seconded by Robert Hughes that our minutes posted online do not contain specific financial information and that the April minutes are amended to reflect this. Carried.

Business Arising:

Nanango Show 8 April 2017: Four members were present at our display, including Jon Stevens, Ken and Joanne Tollefson and Merl Reeves. It was very successful and the group ran out of membership applications. An invitation was extended to BBK to have a similar display at the Kingaroy Show in May. A photo was included in South Burnett Business online report for April.

Kingaroy (6 to 7 May) Show: Eight volunteers on the Saturday and five on Sunday. Again very successful. Lots of discussion with members of the public. The Kingaroy Show Society hosted our site.

Hamish Lamb (BioSecurity Qld) has been in active contact with John Stevens and is very willing to be involved with our group.

Patricia Swift (District Inspector, Biosecurity Qld, Dept of Agriculture and Fisheries) has also responded to our letter and is very happy to come and talk to our group. Sally to send her the dates for our June, July and August meetings.

Hives - Members can move their hives to the Kingair site if home site is poor.

New Business:

Ipswich Beekeepers Open Day – John Stevens attended and advised he received some very useful information:

1. QBA presented on the hazards of chemicals around hives. He also has the contact details for the Secretary of QBA;
2. Howard Kirby presented on queen bee rearing;
3. Patricia Swift from Biosecurity Qld covered various topics, including how to check for varoa mites;
4. Darryl Ryan – a member of Ipswich Beekeepers and a Flow Hive advocate.

Flow Hive – Sally has registered as an interested club with Flow Hive and as a result along with other resources and support, we have been offered a Flow Hive for the club. Very exciting! We have a code to use for ordering it. Sally made a short presentation to the meeting about how Flow Hive works, and there is a lot of interest. Members agreed to go ahead with the order. A few members expressed interest in purchasing their own Flow Hive, and/or retro-fitting an existing hive with the Flow Hive system. Scott Cossens shared photos of his own Flow Hive, that looks ready for harvest already.

Date claimers! Invitations to

1. Attend Queensland Beekeepers' Association Inc Wide Bay Branch annual Field Day at Gympie Showgrounds, Saturday 1 July 2017 from 9.00am to 4.00pm
2. Attend Queensland Beekeepers' Association State conference on 29 and 30th June – same venue. \$180 for the weekend and \$50 for the dinner.
3. Attend Gold Coast Regional Beekeepers Inc. Field Day at the Currumbin Community Special School, 5 Hammersford Dr, Currumbin, on Sunday 20 August 2017.
4. Set up a BBK display at Wondai Spring Garden Expo on 24 September 2017;
5. Attend Valley Bees Field Day at Imbil on 14th October 2017; and
6. Also have a display at 60th Jubilee Proston Show on 10 March 2018.

BBK Open Day? Joanne Tollefson proposed that we set a date for our own Open

