

TVBC 2024-02 Member's Meeting

110+ members in attendance. All officers present. 6 kids in Jr. Bee Club. 15-20 new members. No Zoom tonight, Marc was ill.

We had a formal election. Treasurer-Rena. Secretary-Brooklin. VP-Anne. Pres-Laura. There were no nominations for alternates and all present voted unanimously on this slate of officers.

New apprentices: Shannon Burbank, Kerry Childs. Silvia Nixon. Robert Sperry. Garrett Hannah.

Announcements. New Brochure. Community Ed - 3 nights ~ 45 attendees. Four workshops on two Saturdays ~ 40 attendees, plan to do again next year. Community Ed, at schools and

Estimated date for NUCs - April 12 (Mike), April 1-15 TBD (Steve, Kevin).

Bill Terry. Hive hardware exchange. Asked about live hive inspection. 10-15 attendees expressed interest.

There were ~10 folks from Nampa/Caldwell, carpooling opportunities.

Dr. Paul Collins – Epi pen prescriptions. Next month we will do an Epi pen demo.

FLC. Caretaker has some health issues and our hives there also have health issues. We are looking at cleanup, rehab day.

Garrett spoke about his Dunn horizontal hive. He also brought it in so folks could see. \$400-\$500 but it's top notch.

Garrett also spoke about our coming community outreach with local garden centers: Edwards, North End Organic Nursery (NEON) and Zamzows. Stay tuned - we have a lot planned working with our plant-focused partners.

What to be doing in the Apiary: Feeding bees. Mite check on a nice day. Formic acid, Thymol are good treatment options now. Bees will have moved up to top box. A good swarm prevention method is to swap the boxes. Can also remove one frame from your hives to provide a little more room. Check out the new Mite Management Prevention Tool on our website.

Mike Morrison and Jim McMahon presented the Hive IQ. IQ 30 year lifespan. Paint the outside. \$250. Advantage is the insulation and temperature stability. Very light. Nine frame.

Also talked about a Bee Barn hive with a double frame deep on top, medium on the bottom with a 1.5" gap in the middle.

Brooklin talked about how to create a bee friendly lawn.

Brooklin mentioned the mentor program. We matched 6 of 7 mentees with mentors from the last meeting. We got 12 new mentor request forms.

Laura let us know the Ringleaders meeting is March 19. Ringleaders are the worker bees of the club. They make our club buzz. We added a new Ringleaders page on our website.

Next member meeting is March 26.

After the break we did a necropsy on one of Jim's hives and one of Jacob's hives. It was a great demo for a lot of the newbies in attendance.