

MINUTES

Sunshine Coast Beekeepers Association General Meeting Unity College Caloundra

30 June 2018 | Meeting called to order by Alby Taylor

In Attendance

See sign-on sheet. 25 Members & 3 Visitors – Morris Hamilton (Dulong); John (Mapleton).

Apologies: Les & MC Brammah, David McNaught, Dale, Jeff Irvine, Chris Johnson, Jeff Ross.

President's Report

Alby Taylor's June report is in the Newsletter. From the floor Alby reported on the Nambour District Show – very popular with visitors; engagement much higher than previous years (especially hive/frame demonstrations). Approximately 60 new member applications issued to prospects.

Discussion on preparation for future events including Maleny District show in 2019.

2019 Budget to be delivered in September 2018.

Financial Report

Bill Spencer reported a balance of \$6,604 and reminded attendees to pay their membership fees ASAP.

Yandina Lease

Bill Spencer reported that the Lease is now approved and operating. Discussion on building funding alternatives.

Bill invited members to join a working bee (pun intended) to clear the site of weeds.

Discussion on possible grants to get funding to build appropriate sheds and buildings for future use for club meetings. The club will still need to meet at various venues for monthly meetings.

General Business

- 2019 Committee nominations invited by Alby for AGM on 25 August.
 - Discussion on how useful or welcoming the Matthew Flinders Lecture Theatre is for SCBKI. Projection and catering are issues.
 - Members were invited to view Alan Teske's excellent YouTube beekeeping mentoring video series. Subscription is required Geoff Johnson to investigate Association access.
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Beekeeping – Open Discussion

- The role of water dragons in feeding on Small Hive Beetle.
- Discussions on discoveries of Chalk Brood (and using over-ripe bananas in the hive to treat it).

- The positive performance of vented bottom boards in hives (to allow dead bee removal by workers) provided lid ventilation is sealed to avoid chill.
- Discussion on the merits of flow hives and the reported patchy start-up performance due to availability of strong new honey flows.

Next Meeting

AGM on 25th August at The School House Nambour Showgrounds.

Meeting closed at 11:15am