

UTBA Coordinating Committee January 2022

7 pm. Tuesday January 18, 2022

Present: Tom, Marion, Renee, Michelle, Luci, Kathy, Melanie

Chair: Michelle

Minutes: Renee

1. Approve Agenda

Approved

2. Review of November 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Michelle motions to approve the minutes

3. Update on Beekeeping Calendar (Marion)

Team has had 3 meetings with another one tomorrow night.

Team includes: Marion and Michelle, Damien and Alin, Lynn and her husband

Draft of monthly tasks in the beeyard

Alin and Damian are going to look at minimum temperatures for spring and fall tasks

Alexandra has done some prototypes of designs. 4 seasons image for the front cover.

Drafts of UTBA business cards by Alin, includes value statement

4. Membership and Finances (Melanie)

Roughly 7000 in bank account

No response from CIBC re: investment options

Waiver of bank fees received for the last couple of months possible for COVID relief

Some memberships due from 2021

Since September 1, we have had 30 people join/renew

Do we know how many people autorenewed? Melanie will check with Henry. Michelle stated that autorenew occurs on the anniversary of the date the fees were originally paid.

Potential for looking for a new treasurer/ finance person.

5. Upcoming speakers (Luci)

February meeting:

bee educated: Adam Ritchie about breeding for resistant queens and the importance of using ontario resistant stock.

Main part: mead making.

March:

Bee educated: Tom show a video of the Life cycle of Varroa via NOD short video and will talk about the importance of Varroa mite testing. To be followed by an in person demonstration at Tom's farm at a date TBD.

Tech transfer program seems to indicate huge losses for this coming spring. Talking about the losses, how to mitigate them and basic things about cleaning out dead outs.

Maybe info about liquid assay.

A few notes from the meeting previously had: maybe Tom has an idea of great speakers.

Gabion baskets

AZ hives and Slovenian hives. Woman based out of New Hampshire who imports these. Suzanne Brouillette

Lynn and husband: biosecurity in the Philippines

Renee: salves and creams (October/ November)

Workshop with Tom and mites

Historical beekeeping (fall/ winter)

Bee acoustics

Speaker on swarms
Speaker on splits

6. UTBA Varroa Testing Challenge to other bee clubs (Michelle)

Spearhead of a bee club challenge: 100% of members testing for varroa. Volunteer beekeepers to demonstrate testing (Alin and Tom already on board)

Getting folks to test monthly. Michelle will ask Henry if he can set something up for people to enter their Varroa testing results on the UTBA website

Let's try a few months of this and then roll it out to other associations.

7. New Business - none

8. Next meeting date (All)

March 22, 2021 at 7 pm