

HEARTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION of SE KANSAS

GENERAL MEETING NOTES

APRIL 5, 2018

Dan called meeting called to order at 6:33pm. Twenty-two in attendance. March meeting minutes were read by Pat with motion to approve by Linda and seconded by Ron. Wayne didn't have his treasurer's paperwork with him but recalled that 91 people had registered for the the Bush speaking event and that an approximate \$140 profit was made. Anyone that would like to be reimbursed for door prizes they brought can be reimbursed. Call for motion to approve by Pat and seconded by Linda.

New Business:

Dan introduced Josh Coltrain of Kansas State University Research and Extension. Josh gave an informative talk on GMO's and answered many questions.

Ron's hands-on spring management class that was set for Saturday, April 7, will have to be rescheduled due to weather. We'll try again for the next Saturday - April 14. Look for further info on our Facebook page.

Ron then talked about Swarm Prevention. If you have a robust hive that is showing signs of swarming, you can split that hive before it swarms and gain yourself an extra hive.

There are numerous ways to split a hive. If you know early that you want to split your hive, you can build it up by feeding in early spring.

To make the split, you would put frames of brood and food stores in a new box. You could get a new queen for both the existing hive and new hive or you could put existing queen in the new hive and let the old hive hatch a new queen.

A monster hive is created when you put mostly brood in a new box and then shake in additional bees to overcrowd. That will cause queen cells to be created and then you can split.

Ron also talked about choosing an apiary location. It is good to have a variety of landscape - some woods and some crops and some water - in close proximity. A sunny location with easy access is desirable.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.