

Douglas County Bees

July 1st, 2020

Type of Meeting: Monthly Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by President Jack Reilly at Singleton Park

12 members attended and one visitor

New Business

Are masks are an issue when we have to move back inside. The 20 person or less is still in effect.

The County will maintain our regular meeting date when we let them know we are ready to resume.

There are other options including the 4-h office.

There is a problem with the DC Bees mailing list with members not getting emails. Jack and Clarence will look in to it. As a follow up, it was the number of entries that made the Gmail account choke. We believe this will not be an issue in the future.

The Pollinators movie can be purchased but is mostly for commercial operations but will cover some info usable to the general beekeepers. Jack has a copy.

The movie Queen of the Sun is a wonderful movie for beekeepers and focuses a lot of colony collapse. It is available on amazon.

Umpqua Valley Magazine interviewed Jack via phone about Douglas Co. Bees and bee keeping. Photographer came out and took a lot of good pictures. The date of publication is not known at this time.

Drivert sugar can be used in water like regular sugar.

Old Business

The cutout on Tuesday 6/30 went well but was very messy due to the placement and size of the hive but there was lots of honey and comb harvested.

Roundtable discussion

Some companies are bee friendly and will let you know if they are spraying in the area. Roseburg Forest Products is one of them. However, many of the smaller companies are not so

helpful. As everyone knows, the effects of spaying can be disastrous for bees so they should be locked up for a day or so if spraying is being done in your area. The county sprayers are not the most careful sprayers and should be watched out for.

A new member has two hives 2 months old with one doing well and the other has swarmed once and is not doing well in general. The consensus was it is a queen issue. they has swarmed once and is not doing well in general. The consensus was it is a queen issue. It was brought out that Borage has 3 nectar flows a day instead of just one typical of most plants.

A swarm caught in April that is doing well but only in one hive body. It was recommended the add a 2nd hive body if the 1st is full.

One member has a new hive that has full two boxes and working on a third, hive is located in a very good honey producing area due to the Blue Berry fields in the area.

A sister club was suggested with the Wenatchee, Washington Club that was started 2 years ago. Jack will contact club to see what can be done.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02