

**Prescott Bee Club
Convenes Once A Month Monthly Club Meeting Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date and Time	
Date of Meeting:	August 12, 2023
Time of Meeting:	11:00 AM
Meeting Location	
Location of Meeting:	In The Hills! 15497 E Bonanza Trl Dewey, Arizona 86327
Meeting Attendees	
Present at Meeting:	22 members were present for the meeting, names available by contacting our membership Chair Susie. Contact youcancallmesusie@gmail.com
Absent from Meeting:	Secretary Cindy Gates Past Treasurer Mike Arnold

The regular meeting of the Monthly Club Meeting of Prescott Bee Club was called to order at 11:35 AM on August 12, 2023 at In The Hills! by Braidy Boen (President).

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved.

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved .

III. Consideration of Open Issues

1. Derth And Steps To Take
Braidy
Feeding your bees/Fresh Supply of Water/Ventilating your colonies. In addition feeding ratios and amount from Kim Flotom.
Tip from Mike Coons was to not put your water source to close to the colonies.
2. Re-Queening Your Hives/Mite Checks
Mike Coons (Vice President)
Mike had numerous Demos of frames with Queen Cells and a miniature hive to demonstrate skill points.
Mike also gave a demo on how to use an alcohol wash/sugar roll to check for mites and acceptable count levels.
Treating with oxalic acid and wand method.
Braidy discussed using Mite strips pros and cons. Safety gear required to use.
3. Mentor Notes And Club Activities.
Dave Alfonse
Welcome to new club members and description of services the mentor perform.
Also information for the Honey Bee Festival held on November the 11th.
Location Paradise Valley Community College in Phoenix.
4. Shade For Bees
Susie Robertson (membership And Webmaster)
Shade for bees and importance. Discussion from members on if shade was necessary.
-personal tales of swarms and outcomes.
Susie offered a recipe for pollen patties to supplement.
5. Wax Moths And Measures
Braidy
-Hands on Demo with example of wax moth.
-life cycle of the greater and lesser wax moth.
-Difficulties in removing and its long lingering effects.

-how to store frames after the season.
note: a single pair of moths can undo your season.

6. Q/A From The Floor
Membership

-How to get rid of yellow jackets.
-different form of bee vacuums and how to keeps swarm bees alive after collection.
-how to get clean wax using a crock pot and a little ingenuity.

IV. Consideration of New Business

1. Fundraising For The Prescott Bee Club
Membership

Ideas/thoughts wanted to raise money for the club at the Arizona honey festival in November.

2. How To Winter Your Bees
Membership

Item was tabled to discuss at the September/October meeting.

V. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 11:00 AM on September 16, 2023 at:
Home Of Beth
Cottonwood, Arizona 86326

The agenda for the next meeting is as follows:

Fundraising
honey festival
publicity and club activities
wintering your bees

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM by Braidy Boen (President).

Minutes submitted by: David Alfonse (substitute Recorder)

Minutes approved by: Braide Boen , Mike Coons, Cindy Gates