

TRI-STAQTE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES
October 21, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Steve Roth with 25 members in attendance. There were no new members at the meeting.

A discussion about obtaining fondant as a club followed and members were informed of the Thompson & Son Bakery Supplies in Dillonvale. If 10 members were interested, the 50-pound packages would be obtained. Candy boards as a alternative was discussed and more was to follow in the presenters portion.

The proposed novice beekeeping program for 2022 was discussed. The tentative dates are February 22 – March 29, with no classes on 3/15 as WVNCC is on spring break that week. By starting early in the year, we will be able to conclude with the open hive demonstration as packages are obtained from Bedillion Farms at that time. Northern was approached to house the classes, but we were told that no reservations were being taken at this point in view of the Covid situation. We were instructed to call in December to schedule. Because we were unable to hold the program last year, we anticipate a larger number of registrants and may consider conducting two sections. Club members were asked to assist as speakers. Registrations will open on January 1, 2022.

Members were informed that we will not be obtaining nucs as a group due to the small number of orders last year.

Member Chris Dreschel offered to conduct a four-hour class on first aid pertinent to beekeeping and include CPR certification. The program will be held on Saturday, February 19 at the Good Zoo from 9:00 am – 1 pm. A box lunch will be provided. There will be a \$25 fee for the CPR certification, but Chris would not ask for a stipend and lunch would be at no charge. Reservations will be taken in January with a limit of 25.

The November program will include a presentation by John Welty on the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly websites on beekeeping that exist.

The speaker for tonight is member Rick Johnston speaking on Late Winter and Early Spring Management. Following his talk, the customary social followed and finally at 10:00 pm members were ushered out.