

TRI-STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES  
May 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Steve Roth. New members were recognized and welcomed.

Attendees were offered a final opportunity to join the Tri-State Beekeepers. Following this meeting, as planned, our mailing list will be reduced to members only as we have acquired several individuals who are no longer interested in beekeeping and are still receiving our notices.

An update on the Belmont Correctional Institute was given and members were informed that the equipment for the prison had been ordered and was scheduled for pick-up on Thursday, May 27. Items included 30 deep frames, pins to secure wax foundation, a size small, veiled jacket, Apivar, a smoker, lids for honey bottles, and 20 Penn State *Beekeeping Basics* text books. 2 nucs were already delivered. As planned at the April meeting, donations were offered by members to pay for the equipment and \$185 was collected.

Also discussed at the April meeting was an outline for the lectures to be presented at the fall meetings. Members were given the option of searching for nationally known speakers to appear on Zoom lectures or to pursue topics on basic beekeeping presented by club members. Members opted to use topics of basic beekeeping to reinforce necessary skills. As a result, such an agenda will be developed for the lectures September through November. Volunteers were asked to help in the presentations.

To give those members with very little or no beekeeping experience the opportunity to tour the inside of a hive, an open hive demonstration will be given on Saturday afternoon, June 12 at the Zoo. Those interested were asked to sign up in advance. A more detailed session will be presented later in the summer.

The date for the summer picnic was set for Thursday evening, August 19. A notice will be sent out in advance.

Following the business meeting a presentation on Nucs and Splits by Shanda King, the Chief WV Apiary Inspector. A social followed her program and the meeting was concluded.