

TRI-STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES

April 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order in the theater of the Good Zoo building with in attendance. Several new members were recognized and all were welcomed back, not having met as a group since November of 2019.

A treasurer's report was given by John Welty and all were encouraged to pay the 2021 dues. We will use the roster of active members to refine our mailing list which now numbers over 100 recipients. The May 20 meeting will be the cut-off date

Potential formats for coming meetings were explored. Members were offered presentations from nationally known speakers via Zoom presentations. The use of local talent to focus on basic beekeeping techniques to improve colony survival rates was also discussed. A vote was taken and members chose to focus on management techniques with local talent for now, using national speakers on occasion.

The progress at the Belmont Correctional Facility was reviewed by a brief presentation from member Wayne Shook including a review of our past gifts to the inmates and in return the projects completed for us by the inmates including the Oglebay hives. We were given a list of further prison needs, submitted by their coordinator, Will May. A discussion followed with members expressing the pros and cons of continued giving. A motion was made to have the Tri-State Beekeepers match individual donations up to \$250 to provide the requested items (see attached list). The motion was overwhelmingly passed.

Volunteers for the 2021 swarm list were requested. We were informed that Bedillion Farms continue to have nucs available. A list of beekeeping items offered for sale by a local beekeeper leaving the hobby was offered with contact information.

Coming events were outlined including the May 20 presentation by the new Chief Apiary Inspector, Shanda King, on Nucs and Splits. The annual club picnic will be held at the Bethlehem Community Park on Thursday, August 19.

The presentation for the evening was given by Steve Roth on Swarms and Swarm Prevention. Following a well attended social after the presentation, the meeting was adjourned.