

Tri-State Beekeepers Association  
09.15.2022 Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Tri-State Beekeepers was called to order at 6:30 on September 15, 2022, with 25 members in attendance. One new members was present and recognized.

A survey was taken in June to determine how members would like to spend the \$3,000 gift given to us by Whitetails Unlimited. The results of the survey were as follows:

- #1 Formal Seminar
- #2 Easy Vap purchase
- #3 \$50 to club members for bees
- #4 Correctional Facility

A lengthy discussion followed in consideration of the options. To produce a seminar with nationally known speakers, the use of a Zoom program was suggested. Member Chris Druschel noted that quality speakers would participate in a presentation for a minor amount compared to that required to bring a speaker to Wheeling. Speakers were suggested, but in view of the limited attendance, it was tabled until the October with the hope that more members would attend with a better representation of club preferences.

Next the topic of obtaining and Easy Vap was explored. Presently, the Easy Vap system is not available. John Welty was commissioned to research other similar units on the market and bring suggestions to the October meeting.

The remaining choices were also tabled until a greater number of members are present.

Details for the Beekeeping 102 class to be offered at the Good Zoo on Saturday, September 17 were presented. Speakers include John Welty and Steve Roth with topics to include honey bee anatomy, coordination of functions within the hive, beekeeping intervention throughout the year, identification and management of disease, nucs and splits, and queen rearing. Last minute registrations were taken and 25 members were scheduled to attend.

Members were told of the WVBA Fall Conference, September 9-10 in Fairmont, WV. Eight members from the Tri-State Beekeepers were in attendance, with member Shawn Smith successfully completing the apprentice level of the Master Beekeeping Program.

Upcoming events and the fall meeting schedule were reviewed as follows:

- October 20 – Bob Hooker – Wax
- November 17 – Dr. Krishna Urval – Sting Allergy

Following the business meeting a presentation by member Rick Johnston speaking on Fall and Winter Management. An informal question and answer session followed covering a wide range of topics.

The presentation was followed by the customary social which concluded at 9:00 pm.