

Tri-State Beekeepers Association  
05.16.2024 Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Tri-State Beekeepers was called to order at 6:30 on May 16, 2024, with 39 members in attendance. New members were welcomed. Annual dues were taken.

Members who participate in maintaining the courtyard at the Wilson Lodge that houses the Mansion Hive were recognized and thanked for their assistance. The site is now very well groomed with the recently refurbished hive kept highly active by the newly installed packages of bees. Additional volunteers for this project were solicited.

John Welty gave his monthly update on beekeeping measures required at this time. He strongly emphasized mite management and measures taken to minimize swarming and the addition of supers for honey production. He also had a few pointers for novices in the management of their new colonies.

Members were informed of the upcoming Bee Prepared Seminar to be held by the Monroe County Beekeepers on September 28 in Woodsfield, Ohio. As more information becomes available, it will be sent on to members.

A request was again made, asking for a member to step forward to assume the role of Tri-State President as Steve Roth's 15-year term ends in November. Roles of the president were outlined and an offer to collaborate with any interested party was extended.

The schedule of events for the remaining meetings in 2024 was outlined to include:

- Annual Tri-State Beekeepers picnic on Thursday, August 15 at the Bethlehem Community Park
- September 19 meeting with Joe Kovalski speaking on Care of the Bees Wax
- October 4-5 as the dates of the WVBA Fall Conference
- October 17 meeting hosting a Zoom presentation by Anne Frey of Betterbee speaking on All of the Mistakes That We Make as Beekeepers
- October 25-26 OSBA Conference
- November 21 meeting with Shanda King, WV Chief Apiary Inspector speaking

The program was concluded with a live presentation by Steve Repasky speaking on Single Brood Chambers. Members were most impressed and numerous questions followed. The program social concluded at 9:30 pm.