

TRI-STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES
October 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order in the classroom of the Good Zoo with 35 members attending. New attendees were recognized and welcomed.

Members were informed that President Steve Roth would like to delegate some of the roles that he had assumed over the years. A request was made for someone to be responsible for setting up the room for the meetings and Chris Druschel volunteered to take on the role. In a similar way, Mary and Ed Mowrer agreed to be responsible for refreshments at the meetings. A request was made for someone to arrange the open hive demonstration in May, to manage the extractor loan system, or to assist in developing topics for meetings. No one stepped up to volunteer.

However, several more topics were suggested for future meetings including short videos submitted by members on how to light a smoker, how to examine a hive, feeding techniques, and a description of any homemade devices. Members requested programs to cover basic management topics such as disease and parasite identification and treatment. Also it was requested that a suggestion box be placed in the meeting room for additional topics to be identified.

A letter was read from the WV Extension Service detailing the 4-H Youth Development program and a request for assistance. Members voted to send a `id="mce_marker"00` contribution to the program and Treasurer John Welty was directed to issue the check.

Members were informed of the generosity being extended to us by Oglebay Park through the Good Zoo. We are given monthly access to the meeting room at no charge. To rent the room it would cost \$200 per night. We have used the site for the past 10 years on an average of 8-10 times per year and have never been charged. In recognition of the friendship extended to us, it was suggested that the Tri-State Beekeepers fund and maintain two hives in the newly developed natural plantings area of the Good Zoo and also to place a garden hive in the courtyard of the Wilson Lodge. Members agreed to fund the project and the President was directed to approach the inmates of the Belmont Correctional Facility to assist in fabricating formal hives. The project is now slated to begin early in 2020.

An invitation has been extended to club members to attend a recognition event at the Belmont Correctional Facility on December 10 at 9:15. We have been approved for 10-12 guests and more details will be available at the November meeting.

The program for the evening was presented by Attorney Paul McKay on the liability of beekeepers in a variety of situations. Members were surprised by the details in liability and appropriate beekeeping techniques to minimize exposure to litigation. A social followed his presentation and the program was adjourned at 9:00 pm.