

President's Letter January 24, 2021

Hello to All,

Just a few reminders:

1. The last day to register for the Ohio State Novice program is January 31. This program is made available to us by the Ohio State Beekeepers Association. There is no charge for it, and it can serve as an introduction for new beekeepers or a review for more experienced individuals. Zoom presentations will be given on the first Saturday morning of each month for 12 months. Sessions will be recorded so you can view them at your convenience. You can register by sending your name, email address, phone number, and mailing address to me at tristatebees@gmail.com.
2. The last day to order bees (\$139/package +\$5 for a marked queen and \$175/nuc) is January 31.
3. This is the time of the year to use the oxalic acid vaporizer. The club's unit can be obtained from me at tristatebees@gmail.com
4. We are now collecting 2021 dues by mail. It is important that you send in your dues for we use our membership list to stay in contact with beekeepers. Those who are not registered as members may not continue to receive email messages from the Tri-State Beekeepers. Dues are \$15/year with \$6 used to enroll you in the WV Beekeepers Association and \$9 going to Tri-State Beekeepers. Please make out the \$15 check to Tri-State Beekeepers and send it to our treasurer at:
John Welty
3 Hearthside Drive
Wheeling, WV 26003
5. Reservations for the WVBA January monthly lecture series have all been taken. I will notify you of the February program when I have information.
6. **PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE** check your bees. I am receiving several reports of colony loss due to starvation. Even though it is early in the year to consider that, very poor honey stores from last fall are presenting a real problem.

As I have more information on events and an eventual in person club meeting I will pass it on to you. In the meantime, don't give up. Better days lay ahead!!

Steve