

Tri-State Beekeepers Association
04.21.2022 Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Tri-State Beekeepers was called to order at 6:30 on April 21, 2022, with 38 members in attendance. New members were recognized.

Information about the upcoming open hive demonstration was discussed. The event will be held on Tuesday, June 7 at the Vineyards Church beginning at 6:00 pm. It is open to those who completed the 2022 novice program and any other new members who have not seen the inside of a hive. Numerous hives and a nuc will be available for inspection and demonstration. An advanced class for experienced beekeepers will be held in the fall with topics to include nuc management, queen rearing, and disease identification and decision making in the apiary. The date and location is yet to be determined.

The Tri-State Beekeepers Association was then presented a check from the Whitetails Unlimited organization whose mission is to preserve the Whitetail deer and the environment. They were most generous in supporting our efforts as stewards of the pollinators and we are grateful to them for their assistance.

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

- April 21 – Don Crock – Swarm Trapping
- May 19 – John Welty - Photographing You Bees
- August 18 – Annual Club Picnic
- WV Beekeepers Association Fall Conference – Kamon Reynolds keynote speaker
- September 15 – Rick Johnston – Fall and Winter Preparation and Management
- October 20 – Bob Hooker - Wax

Following a brief business meeting we received a presentation from Jennifer Kile, Conservation Specialist with the West Virginia Conservation Agency outlining the requirements to participate in the Nuc Assistance Program, offering up to \$200 to purchase 2 WV nucs. She distributed forms to describe the program as well as applications for the Agricultural Enhancement Program. WV members were encouraged to apply and participate in the program.

Members then enjoyed a presentation by Don Crock on Swarm Trapping, finding it highly informative and applicable. Don donated a swarm trap which was raffled off following his presentation.

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