

Tri-State Beekeepers Association 03.15.2022 Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Tri-State Beekeepers was called to order at 6:30 on March 15, 2022 with 38 members in attendance. New members were recognized and 2022 dues were collected. Members were notified that the ordered packages would be available on Wednesday, March 23 and could be picked up at Steve's house.

Upcoming events were then described beginning with the WVBA Spring Conference to be held on March 18-19 in Morgantown, WV and featuring Sam Comfort of Anarchy Apiaries, Kingston, NY. In addition, testing for the Master beekeeping Program will be held. Members were encouraged to participate in the event and were directed to the website for additional information. Walk-on participants are accepted.

Attendees were reminded that the WVBA Fall Conference was scheduled to be held in Fairmont on September 9-10 with Kamon Reynolds scheduled as the keynote speaker. The conference will include honey competition and master beekeeping testing. Again, members were strongly encouraged to attend.

Members were informed that while we have not received a formal approval for our request for assistance in purchasing nucs through the Ohio Division of the West Virginia Soil Conservation District, we have been indirectly informed that the request has been approved. This was followed by a lengthy discussion regarding the definition of a farmer. Application requires that one be designated as a farmer, but the clear definition of a farmer is unknown. Upon formal receipt of the application, the definition will be clarified.

A request was made for those interested in swarm captures this year.

A discussion followed regarding local outlets carrying beekeeping equipment. In addition, an informal survey was taken to identify woodenware needs as a local individual is considering the manufacture and sale of such items if a demand exists.

The speakers for upcoming club meetings were identified as:

- April 21 – Don Crock – Swarm Trapping
- May 19 – John Welty - Photographing You Bees
- August 18 – Annual Club Picnic

The fall schedule has not yet been completed.

The program for this meeting consisted of Shanda King, Chief WV Apiary Inspector, speaking on Mite and Disease Management. Her presentation was followed with many questions and the program was concluded at 9:15 pm.