

Tri-State Beekeepers Association
05.19.2022 Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Tri-State Beekeepers was called to order at 6:30 on May 19, 2022, with 21 members in attendance. No new members were present.

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.

Following the receipt of the contribution from Whitetails Unlimited at the April meeting, a discussion was held to generate suggestions for the use of the money. Numerous possibilities were found including:

- Obtaining an Easy Vap oxalic acid vaporizer
- Reimbursing members a part of the cost of a nuc or package
- Producing a seminar with a nationally known speaker such as Jim Tew or Jamie Ellis
- Funding the Belmont Correctional Facility Bee Club's library
- Offering scholarships to junior beekeepers
- Organizing a Tri-State Beekeepers informational booth for fairs and festivals
- Reimburse the Good Zoo for use of the meeting club room

To find a consensus, a SurveyMonkey will be developed and members will be asked to rank their top choices. Using the results of the survey, we will then pursue the most popular projects.

Members were reminded to take advantage of the Soil Conservation District's nuc reimbursement program. The District can be contacted at:

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

- 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
- November 17 – Speaker to be announced
- Beekeeping 102 Seminar – Date and location to be announced

Following the business meeting a presentation by member John Welty intitled Photographing You Bees was given, offering us many tips in photographing nature to enhance the content and composition. A social followed his talk and the meeting ended at 8:30 pm.

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