

Tri-State Beekeepers Association 02.17.2022 Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Tri-State Beekeepers was called to order at 6:30 on February 17, 2022 with 40 members in attendance. New members were recognized and the treasurer's report was given by John Welty. 2022 dues were collected and orders were taken for package bees. As a club, we will not be purchasing nucs this year and members were directed to obtain them on their own if desired.

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. A final call for participants in the Wilderness First Aid program, offered on Saturday, February 19 was made. The program will be presented by member Chris Druschel and will include CPR certification. A final call for registration for the 2022 Novice Beekeeping program was also made. The course begins on Tuesday, February 22 with 20 individuals currently registered.

A request for financial assistance for members in purchasing nucs was made to the Ohio Division of the West Virginia Soil Conservation District by Steve Roth on December 9. The status of the request remains pending and club members were told that they would be updated as information is available.

In advance of the novice program, a survey was taken to find where members are obtaining beekeeping equipment. Various catalog vendors as well as local outlets were identified and a list will be compiled to offer to novice participants as well as to club members.

The speakers for upcoming club meetings were identified as:

- March 17 – Shanda King – Mite and Disease Management
- April 21 – Don Crock – Swarm Trapping
- May 19 – John Welty - Photographing You Bees
- August 18 – Annual Club Picnic

The program for this meeting consisted of a show and tell event with club members displaying an array of beekeeping inventions, favorite equipment, and helpful innovations. The event prompted numerous questions and lengthy discussion which was followed by the usual social and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.