

Tri-State Beekeepers Association  
10.20.2022 Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Tri-State Beekeepers was called to order at 6:30 on October 20, 2022, with 28 members in attendance. Three new members were present and recognized.

The success of the Beekeeping 102 class given on September 16 was described. 22 members were in attendance and numerous topics were covered in a detailed format. The PowerPoint presentation of each talk was made available to members on the Tri-State Beekeepers website at <https://www.tristatebeekeepers.com/copy-of-beekeepers-websites>.

John Welty updated us on the oxalic acid vaporizer. Attempts were made to obtain the EasyVap system at \$149.00, but it is currently out of stock with no immediate plans to restock. Alternative systems were investigated, but none at a comparable price could be found. The membership decided to continue to wait to see if it again becomes available.

The topic of contacting nationally known speakers for Zoom presentation was again addressed. The members suggested that we contact Jim Tew, Jamie Ellis, Clarence Collison, or Kim Flottum. We will now begin contacting the speakers in an attempt to line up a program for the spring of 2023. Costs and planning will be discussed at the November meeting.

An update of the activity of the Belmont Correctional Bee Club was given by Steve Roth. Applications are now being taken from inmates for the third group to participate in the program. A modified Master Beekeeping program has been developed for the club, closely paralleling the WV program. Apprentice level testing will be given on October 25. Currently the club has 7 hives within the prison yard, managed by a highly active group.

Tri-State member Shawn Smith was recognized for his successful completion of the apprentice level testing in the WV Master Beekeepers Program. Congratulations to Shawn on his achievement. Club members were strongly encouraged to participate in the Master Beekeeping Program as a means of improving their skills as beekeepers.

The presentation by Dr. Krishna Urval on November 17 was confirmed. He will be speaking on Sting Allergies and all members were encouraged to attend. The cancellation policy in the event of inclement weather was reviewed. If Wheeling Park High School cancels due to weather, our meeting is also cancelled. In addition, members will be notified by email in the event of a cancellation.

Following the business meeting, our guest Bob Hooker spoke on the Value of Wax in the Hive. After his program a social followed and the event was ended at 9:00 pm.