

TRI-STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES  
November 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order in the classroom of the Good Zoo with 32 members attending. There were no new attendees to welcome.

Members were reminded that dues for 2020 will be collected at the February 20 meeting, remaining the same at \$15/year for a regular membership, but increasing to \$90 for a lifetime membership.

Details regarding the December 10 visit to the Belmont Correctional Facility were outlined. We will be meeting in the main lobby of the facility at 9:00 am with the program starting at 9:15 and lasting until 10:30. Anyone interested in attending must contact Steve by Friday, November 29 to be included.

Information for the novice program was given and registration will open on the website on January 1. Dates will be finalized once arrangements for the delivery of bees have been confirmed.

We will again be obtaining bees from Bedillion Farms. Packages will be \$135 plus \$4 if you want the queen marked. They will be available on March 31. Nucs will be \$165 and available between mid-May and early June, depending on the weather. Orders must be placed with Steve by January 31.

Member Wayne Shook showcased sample hive bodies that were painted by inmates at the prison. As voted on at the October meeting, as a club we will purchase equipment to construct and decorate one hive for the Wilson Lodge courtyard and two for the Good Zoo display in appreciation for the use of the meeting room at the Zoo.

Upcoming seminars were described with members informed of the Honey Bee Expo in Parkersburg on January 25, 2020 and the WVBA Spring Conference in Elkins on March 20-21. Details were be forwarded when available.

Member Mary Mowrer has assumed responsibility for refreshments at the monthly meetings and circulated a sign-up sheet for members to volunteer to bring items to specific meetings. Many thanks to Mary and Ed for taking on this role.

Upcoming speakers for the 2020 meetings were revealed. Our own Bob Hooker will be speaking on Nutrition of the Colony at the February 20 meeting and Wade Stiltner will present at the March 19 meeting, speaking on the Identification and Management of Diseases and Parasites. Members were reminded of our policy in case of inclement weather. If Wheeling Park High School is cancelled or has early dismissal, we will cancel the meeting. Members were advised to watch the website and their email if in doubt.

The speaker for the evening was Mark Bedillion outlining his management practices, suggestions for successful survival of the colony and giving us some insight to the pollination business. Members were able to walk away with much valuable information.

Following a short social the program was concluded at 9:00 pm.

