

Tri-State Beekeepers Association
10.19.2023 Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Tri-State Beekeepers was called to order at 6:30 on October 19, 2023, with 25 members in attendance. There were no new members present.

Members were reminded of the WVBA 2023 Zoom Fall Conference to be held on Saturday, October 21. Presentations include talks by Jerry Hayes, the editor of Bee Culture, on Information Bias followed by a question-and-answer session. There will also be a presentation on the American Foulbrood Vaccine development. Registration remains open through Saturday morning, and all are invited to attend,

Plans for the 2023 Novice Beekeeping Class follow-up entitled Beekeeping 102 were announced. The class will be held on Saturday, November 11 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm in the Good Zoo Building. Several topics will be addressed in detail and a box lunch will be provided at no charge. Advanced registration is required, and the program is open to all Tri-State members. The announcement for the program registration will be sent out in the week of October 22.

The topic of pursuing the designation as a Bee City was brought up, but no action has been taken since the September meeting. Members Bob Rohrig and Chris Druschel stepped forward to develop the initiative.

Members were informed of the status of the WV Apiary Division budgetary allocation. Members of the WVBA lobbied in Charleston last February to petition an increase in the budget proposal for the Apiary Division. Presently, and annual allotment of \$74, 662 funds one full time inspector and three seasonal inspectors in Addition to travel, office, and equipment expenses. The new budget proposal includes an increase of \$125,000 for the department. We are hopeful that that portion of the budget will be passed.

Plans for the November 16 speaker were announced to include a visit from the WV State Apiarist, Shanda King. Shanda will be introducing you to the benefits available to you as a WV beekeeper as well as speaking on Misconceptions of the Varroa Mite.

The speaker for the evening, John Rose, was introduced and provided a very informative talk on Preparing Your Hives for Winter. Members were very pleased with his presentation.

Following the traditional social, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.3354