



Audubon Beekeepers Association Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2018

I. Call to order, Welcome to New Members and Guests, and Prayer

Larry Stone called to order the regular meeting of the Audubon Beekeepers Association at 7:00 PM on May 14, 2018 at the Henderson County Co-op Extension Expo Center 3341 Zion Road in Henderson, KY 42420. Larry Stone led our prayer.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from our last minutes were approved as submitted by email to the members.

III. Treasurer's Report

Jan Powell outlined the collections and expenditures for last month. Beginning Treasury balance \$10,276.98 Ending Treasury balance: \$10281.98. Income from member dues: 20.00. Expenses for KSBA: \$15.00. A motion was made and seconded to approve the totals as submitted.

IV. Old Business

- a) Membership dues should have been paid in December. \$20.00/family. Please get a membership form from Jan. The form and dues may be mailed to: Jan Powell 8965 BF Overfield Rd. Corydon, KY 42406. Meeting minutes are sent to members.
- b) Field Day at The Stone household proved to be a beautiful and informative day with attendance exceeding 20.
- c) With honey supers now present on hives, you should be treating Varroa mites on days with temperatures less than 85F using Mite-A-Way. All other chemical treatments require removing honey supers. Check Queens and replace if necessary. Curtis will have Queens in a few weeks. Rotate your hive boxes and put the bottom box on top if your Queen hasn't moved down. It is swarm season and nectar flow has been heavy. Add supers as needed to give your Queen plenty of room. Carry swarm boxes with you if you are willing to collect available swarms in your area.
- d) Beekeepers of Southwest Indiana will meet the third Thursday of each month (next meeting: May 17th). 6-8 PM Vincennes University Gibson Center 8100 US Hwy 41 North Fort Branch, IN https://www.facebook.com/pg/Beekeepers.of.SWIN/events/?ref=page_internal

- e) Our new website will be up June 1st at the same website address as in the past. Thanks to Erica Henderson for devoting her talents to this project.
- f) We are looking for Audubon Beekeepers Association shirts. 50/50 cotton polo shirts with the club name and some type of small bee logo. If you know someone who does graphics apparel please get a quote. The club is paying for the shirts. Quantity will be > 80?

V. New Business

- a) A committee has been formed to get a slate of potential Officers. If you are interested in being a club officer PLEASE contact David Kelley, LV Dugger or Diane Fisher. Believe me, you will not hurt any feelings if you would like to take the opportunity to serve the club.

VI. Education

- a) There will be a beginner-format introduction to Beekeeping at the Madisonville Extension Office on June 2. Larry Stone and David Kelley will be doing the teaching. Time: 9-11:30 Call Larry for more info.
- b) Our Special Guest tonight was Tammy Horn Potter, Kentucky State Apiarist. She relayed A LOT of very helpful information. A brief synopsis of the information is present on a separate page at the bottom of the meeting minutes. There is also an attachment of the hand-outs that she passed around with helpful information and websites. She will also provide a copy of the evenings Power Point presentation if you email her.
Tammy.potter@ky.gov

VII. Save a date

- a) Our Kentucky State Fair work day is August 24, 2018. Mark the date for a day of fun! We work in two shifts- morning and late afternoon. Admission and parking are provided. A list is circulating at meetings.
- b) We have two members selling equipment and supplies so think about checking with them when you need beekeeping items. Curtis Simpson 270.313.2819 Earl Schnell 812.598.9162 Roy Lynch has sold his nucs and swarms: 812.215.6898 but has access to people who still have them.

VIII. Adjournment

Larry Stone adjourned the meeting after motion made and seconded.

Minutes submitted by: Diane Fisher

Thanks to James Beckley and Doug Ellis for this evening's refreshments and to Kevin Morris and James Beckley for this evenings door prizes which were won by Larry Wedding and Jackie Simpson. A big thanks to all who help with refreshments and door prizes.

Next meeting: 06/11/18 **Refreshments:** The Weinzapfels (812-422-6449), The Kelley's (270-871-3394)

Like us on Facebook at Audubon Beekeepers Association and please check out our website at:

<http://www.audubonbeekeepersassociation.com> Email: audubonbeekeepersclub@gmail.com

Please feel free to Contact Larry Stone, President for club information 270-339-7245

Tammy Potter, Kentucky State Apiarist tammy.potter@ky.gov

November 4, James Tew will be at KSBA. KSBA has a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Express-first come first serve. Shepardsville, KY This is a link to a suggested book by Mr. Tew for those interested.

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B018B6SWNQ/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?encoding=UTF8&btkr=1>

Mrs. Potter mentioned that diagnostic kits for bee diseases are available for sale at extension offices for around \$13-14. Check expiration dates before buying but these provide a quick diagnostic tool while in the field.

She has observed that European Foul Brood disease is diagnosed more frequently in Spring; while American Foul Brood seems to be present more in the Fall. Her supposition is: Could this be Varroa mite impact?

Medication to treat Nosema is no longer available. She suggests culling beeswax that is 5 years or older from hives to help curtail several diseases, including Nosema.

Attachments for a Pollinator Protection App are in the information attached to this document. Register hives so that you can be informed when damaging chemicals will be used in your area.

There is a Honey Bee Health Coalition flyer attached. This coalition website has several 5-minute videos dealing with beekeeping on its site.

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources has an excellent book on local, bee friendly plants and trees. Tammy has a link on her website.

It takes 252 million flowers to supply a hive for one year.

Evidently, we should be using a Refractometer to determine the water content of our honey before packaging. To be considered honey the water content needs to 16-18%. When nectar is first placed in the hive the water content is 60-80%.

Monofloral or Unifloral labeled honey MUST contain 46% pollen from a single source and you must be able to prove the percentage by having the honey tested. Cost: \$80.00 You can avoid this by just calling your honey-HONEY. Same with "organic" honey. Better to just use the basic description of HONEY.

There are formal requirements for the label you put on your honey. Please check the website for the parameters. Also, keep in mind that 8 oz. of honey is the weight of approximately 12 oz. of water.

Entries for The Kentucky State Fair must be submitted by July 2, 218. You can register online. 4 jars. Once tags are received for the submission, samples can be combined with others in our Association and delivered together. Contact Larry Stone if you are interested in participating. Youth entries are encouraged. They require only 3 jars. There is also a Black Jar competition. Register and submit in a black jar (use electrical tape if necessary). Honey is judged on taste alone.

The State of Kentucky is still discussing how to label and differentiate honey that is 100% produced in Kentucky from honey that is "packaged or distributed in Kentucky" which can be purchased from elsewhere and only bottled by a Kentucky company. It is a good idea to read the labels when you purchase honey. The United States produces only about 160 million pounds of the nearly 400 million pounds that is consumed.

