



## ***Audubon Beekeepers Association Meeting Minutes***

July 9, 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 July 9, 2018 at the Henderson County Co-op Extension Expo Center 3341 Zion Road in Henderson, KY 42420. Larry Stone led our prayer. We had several guests this month: Brad Griffith, Misti French and her dad, Larry, as well as Diane Merritt.

### **II. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The minutes from our last meeting 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 \$10,217.76 Ending Treasury balance: \$10185.97. Income from member dues: 0.00. Expenses: \$ 31.79. 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 emailed to current members and are also available on the website.
- b) Larry Wedding reported that Henderson has passed the Beekeeping Ordinance which was proposed but it has not been officially changed on the books yet. Maximum 2 hives and 2 nucs with restrictions as outlined in the online report which include hive registration, neighbor notification, and hive flight path altering landscaping.
- c) Check Queens and replace if necessary. Nectar flow has slowed for now. Add supers as needed to give your Queen plenty of room. Add supers to keep your hive from becoming honey-bound and to prevent your hive from super-ceding your Queen. Check Queens and replace if needed. **Make sure hives have adequate ventilation.** Check your hive beetle devices to make sure that your oil is fluid. Refill or replace oil as needed. Don't forget those Swiffer sheets under your top covers if you prefer to use them for hive beetles. L.V. Dugger passed around his phone with pictures showing how well the Swiffer sheets work.

- d) It's time to start thinking about late season Varroa mite treatments. Treatment option sheet is attached. Remember methods vary depending upon whether you have extracted or still have honey supers and some are temperature sensitive.
- e) Beekeepers of Southwest Indiana will meet the third Thursday of each month (next meeting: July 19th). 6-8 PM Vincennes University Gibson Center 8100 US Hwy 41 North Fort Branch, IN  
Guest speaker: Tim Lindley of Big T's Honeybee Farm. Topic: Bee Biology  
[https://www.facebook.com/pg/Beekeepers.of.SWIN/events/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/Beekeepers.of.SWIN/events/?ref=page_internal)
- f) Rita has found a local shirt producer, who will embroider a logo on shirts. She and Larry wore samples to the meeting. Members interested in a shirt will pay \$5.00 and the club will pick up the rest of the cost of each shirt. Pictures are attached. You can also pay \$6.00 and bring in your own shirt(s) and the lady will embroider them for you. Contact Rita if you would like to order a shirt for the State Fair since it is August 24<sup>th</sup>. The shirts are breathable, Performance T-Shirts or Performance Polo shirts and are available in Charcoal, Black or White.
- g) Continue to feed new hives 1:1 sugar water with 1 teaspoon of Honey-B-Healthy

## V. New Business

- a) Larry has the club honey extractor up and running Call Larry for an extractor appointment 270-339-7245. You will need 5-gallon food-grade plastic pails for your extracted honey. You should extract your honey with 48 hours of removing your frames. After extraction you should return the frames to the hive area so they can be cleaned of remaining honey by your bees. This will help keep moths from developing. Remember: Your bottled honey requires a label stating that Honey is the main ingredient along with the content in ounces and grams coupled with your address and phone information.

## VI. Education

- a) Check older hives for food supplies. Several members have reported issues with little or no hive production and erratic brood development. White brood which turn yellow in a few days. Roy Lynch treated his bees with Terramycin mixed with powdered sugar and reported nearly immediate improvement. This is evidently a type of "Foul Brood" disease making the rounds. The Terramycin is only available by prescription.
- b) We had a discussion on using fume boards to drive bees away from your super frames to help with removing the frames. Marketed as Bee-Go, the fluid that you put on the frames must be really, really stinky. You will not want fume boards, the container of Bee-Go or any contaminated equipment or clothing near your home or work area. For those with only a few hives to harvest, you can still piss your bees off by shaking them off. 😊

## 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. Most of the work does not require vast knowledge of Beekeeping. We sell Kentucky-produced honey and help the kids make beeswax candles. Admission and parking are provided. A list is circulating at meetings or contact Larry to get on the list. Admission and parking tickets will be mailed when received by the club. Only members current in their dues are members of KSBA which is a requirement for the free tickets and parking!

- 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

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Larry Stone adjourned the meeting after motion made and seconded.

Minutes submitted by: Diane Fisher

Thanks to Kevin Morris who donated the book: Queen Rearing Essentials which was won by: Roy Lynch. Thanks to Curtis and Typhani Simpson and Steve and Jan Powell for this evening's refreshments. A big thanks to all who help with refreshments and door prizes.

**Next meeting:** 08/13/18 **Refreshments:** The Freer's (270-952-1240) and Larry Wedding (270-577-1501)

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<http://www.audubonbeekeepersassociation.com> Email: [audubonbeekeepersclub@gmail.com](mailto:audubonbeekeepersclub@gmail.com)

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