



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

August 13, 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 August 13, 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: L.D. Royalty, Danny McGann and Sara & John Hibbs. New member: Brad Griffin was also welcomed to the club. We had A LOT of people in attendance this month!

### **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**

Rita Stone passed along the information that there were no expenses or income for the month as Jan Powell was not feeling well. Cyber healing and feel better soon wishes to Jan. Beginning Treasury balance \$10,217.76 Ending Treasury balance: \$10185.97.

### **IV. Old Business**

- a) Check Queens and replace if necessary. Nectar flow has slowed for now. Add supers to keep your hive from becoming honey-bound. **Make sure hives have adequate ventilation.** Check your hive beetle devices and add mineral oil as needed. Members report a bumper crop of hive beetles this year and we had a nice discussion on possible ways to decrease their presence.
- b) Varroa mite treatments were discussed in depth again. Treatment option sheet is on the website. Remember methods vary depending upon whether you have extracted or still have honey supers and some are temperature sensitive. Curtis reminded everyone that there is a lot of information on the website: [www.honeybeehealthcoalition.org](http://www.honeybeehealthcoalition.org) If you can treat during a week where temperatures stay below 85F, Mite-A-Way strips are apparently the best option as the formic acid will penetrate all components of the hive and does not require you to remove your honey supers.
- c) Beekeepers of Southwest Indiana will meet the third Thursday of each month (next meeting: August 16th). 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](https://www.facebook.com/pg/Beekeepers.of.SWIN/events/?ref=page_internal)

- d) You can still order club shirts for \$5.00. Contact Rita Stone. You can also pay \$6.00 and bring in your own shirt(s) and the lady will embroider them for you.
- e) Continue to feed new hives 1:1 sugar water with 1 teaspoon of Honey-B-Healthy. There is not much out there for bees to gather at this point in the summer.

## 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. Larry recommended stacking your cleaned, used frames three high and then inserting a 4" x 4" slip of cardboard with a couple of tablespoons of Moth Crystals. DO NOT USE MOTH BALLS. This will help keep moths from developing. He tapes the seams between the frames with Painters Tape and then uses stretch film to keep moths from getting into the frames while in storage. I found this: <http://www.dave-cushman.net/bee/pdb.html>
- b) **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 and feed your bees if necessary.
- b) We discussed the necessity for getting a prescription for Terramycin to treat various bee maladies.

## VII. Save a date

- a) Kentucky State Fair work day is August 24, 2018. If you signed up to work and were not at this meeting, Rita will be mailing your tickets.
- 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 The Weinzapfels and The Fishers for door prizes which were won by Willie Girten and Vickie Dugger. Thanks to Cathy and David Freer and Larry and Suzanne Wedding for this evening's refreshments. A big thanks to all who help with refreshments and door prizes.

**Next meeting:** 09/10/18 **Refreshments:** Steve and Judy Crooks (812-455-6690) and Debbie and Charlie Murphy (812-821-8508)

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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**