



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

November 12, 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 7:03 PM on November 12, 2018 at the Henderson County Co-op Extension Expo Center 3341 Zion Road in Henderson, KY 42420. Larry led our prayer this evening. Special welcome to our new members.

### **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**

Beginning Treasury balance \$9535.97 Ending Treasury balance: \$9555.97. Collections of \$20.00 for a new member.

### **IV. Old Business**

- a) Varroa mite treatments utilizing oxalic acid by vaporization should be immediately implemented on days that the bees are flying to help keep the mite load down for winter survival. Please wear protective equipment when using the vaporizer.
- b) Beekeepers of Southwest Indiana will meet the third Thursday of each month (next meeting: November 15th). 5:30-8 PM **Note the earlier start time for this meeting only.** This will be their Christmas Pot Luck and you must RSVP so they know how much fried chicken to order. 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) Guest speaker: Kent Williams
- c) 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.

- d) Club dues for 2019 are now payable. Jan will have submission sheets at next months meeting. \$20.00 per family unless you are already KSBA members. If you are, provide proof of membership and it's \$5.00 to join our club.
- e) We received \$307.20 for our work at the KY State Fair this year. Thanks to all who helped!
- f) You should be stocking up on sugar when it goes on sale. Rural King has 10 lb. bags for \$3.80. Ruler has 4 lb. bags for \$1.39. As temps have now dipped to under 50 consistently discontinue sugar water and switch to sugar patty or fondant/candy.
- g) Ventilate your hives so moisture doesn't accumulate and drip on your cluster.
- h) Check your hive beetle traps and replace oil as needed. They could also be removed for winter and replaced with Swiffer sheets as they are not very active this time of year.
- i) If you need Queens, contact Curtis immediately as he will have to place an order for early Queens the beginning of 2019. If you want Queens raised by Curtis and Tiphani you will have to wait for May 2019, weather dependant.
- j) Curtis will have a limited number of nucs for club members. Roy also plans to have some nucs for sale. If you are interested, contact them very soon.

## **V. New Business**

- a) Congratulations to Larry Stone for receiving the honor of being named State Beekeeper of the Year which he shared with Dorothy Morgan of Somerset. We all know how much Larry brings to the hobby and the award could not have been given to a more deserving individual. Job well done, Larry!
- b) Now is the time to begin preparing for next Spring. Repairing and replacing equipment, making frames, painting, etc.
- c) The Club Christmas Party (no business transacted) will be held December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your favorite finger food and a smile. We will play Dirty Santa as always. Participation is optional-if you wish to participate please bring a \$15-20 wrapped gift. Not a gag gift but something you would like to receive yourself, and be prepared for some fun with friends.

## **VI. Education**

- a) Bee thinking about our Bee School (March 2, 2019). If you have ideas about a topic you would like to teach or have someone else teach, please contact Larry Stone. To date, we have lined up John Benham, Chris Renfrow, Curtis and Tiphani Simpson, Jeanne Marcum and Shannon Trimboli as speakers/teachers. If you would like to suggest someone for Key Note Speaker please contact Larry. Who in the club will teach the classes they taught last year? Contact Larry please.

## **VII. Save a date**

- a) Audubon Beekeepers Association Bee School is March 2, 2019.

- b) Kent Williams has an in-house Field Day scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April. Always an interesting couple of days!
- c) 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 Jim and Janie Mason and The Beckley's for door prizes which were won by Janie Mason and Diane Marrett. Thanks to The Griffins and Jason Smith and Samantha Merkel for this evening's refreshments. A big thanks to all who help with refreshments and door prizes.

**Next meeting: 12/10/18 Refreshments Everyone brings finger foods Club Christmas party! Start time: 6:30 PM**

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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**