



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

October 8, 2018

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

L. V. Dugger called to order the regular meeting of the Audubon Beekeepers Association at 7:00 PM on October 8, 2018 at the Henderson County Co-op Extension Expo Center 3341 Zion Road in Henderson, KY 42420. David Kelley led our prayer this evening with special mention of Tom Sanderson who is recovering from surgery and Roy Lynch who injured his shoulder. We also prayed that Larry and Rita Stone have a safe and wonderful vacation. Special welcome to guest: Anthony Stewart

### **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: \$9535.97. There were no expenses or collections.

### **IV. Old Business**



- a) L.V. Dugger displayed Swiffer sheets from his hives. They were loaded with hive beetles. If you are using Swiffer sheets they work best if they are cut down and anchored on the edges of the hive to keep your bees from dragging them down into the frames.

- b) Judge the weight of honey reserves by lifting your hives. It will help you decide if and when to start feeding them. Weak hives may survive the winter best if you combine them. Choose the strongest queen and combine all frames.
- c) Varroa mite treatments should be immediately implemented if they are not already completed. Treatment option sheet is on the website.
- d) Beekeepers of Southwest Indiana will meet the third Thursday of each month (next meeting: October 18th). 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)
- e) 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.
- f) Feed hives 2:1 sugar water. You should be stocking up on sugar when it goes on sale. Rural King has 10 lb. bags for \$3.80. When temps dip to under 50 consistently, discontinue sugar water and switch to sugar patty or fondant/candy. Several recipes are attached. Timeframe to begin introducing sugar patty depends upon each hives food reserves. Better to feed them than lose a hive. L. V. likes to make patties of: 5 lbs. of sugar, 1 C. soy flour, ¼ C. apple cider vinegar and a little Honey-B-Healthy. Add water to adjust viscosity. Form the patties on wax paper and wrap to keep the patties moist. Place near your bee cluster. Sometimes that is in the bottom box! The bees will chew through the wax paper. You can use Mega Bee to replace the Soy Flour (which is sold at Kroger/Ruler stores). Patties should be used when temperatures drop consistently below 50F. You can mold the patties and insert them near the cluster by replacing a hive frame or make a 2 inch frame and insert it under your coverboard and hive top. This makes it easy to get in and out of the hive to check/replace the patties.

## V. New Business

- a) Larry has closed the club honey extractor. Call Larry (270-339-7245) if you need an extractor and cannot find one. Remember that Kentucky labels require the word HONEY, the weight in both ounces and grams and a phone number or email address.
- b) Elyon Davis is looking for end caps for candle making if you have any available.
- c) As you put your bees to bed for the winter, winterize hives by inserting bottom boards. You may want to drill 2 large holes in case the snow piles up during a good storm. Place windbreaks as needed. Straw bales or strong poles with wood pallets slid over them were suggested. If the winter becomes brutal you can wrap hives in tar paper. Leave the bees access to and from the hive.
- d) Now is the time to begin preparing for next Spring. Repairing and replacing equipment, making frames, painting, etc.
- e) 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; something you would like to receive yourself, and be prepared for a night of laughs and cut-throat but legal thievery!

## 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 Kent Williams, John Benham and Shannon Trimboli as speakers/teachers. If you would like to suggest someone for Key Note Speaker please contact Larry.

## VII. Save a date

- a) KSBA (Kentucky State Beekeepers Association) is meeting November 3<sup>rd</sup> in Shepardsville. Location and details here: <http://www.ksbabeekeeping.org/jim-tew-will-be-featured-speaker-at-ksbas-2018-fall-meeting/> There will be several high profile speakers including our own President-Larry Stone.
- 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

L. V. Dugger adjourned the meeting after motion made and seconded.

Minutes submitted by: Diane Fisher

Thanks to Jim and Sue Love for the door prize which was won by Curtis Simpson. Thanks to The Geiss's and the Fisher's for this evening's refreshments. A big thanks to all who help with refreshments and door prizes.

**Next meeting:** 11/12/18 **Refreshments:** Jason Smith & Samantha (812-746-5223) and The Griffin's (60-212-2762)

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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**