



Audubon Beekeepers Association Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2019

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 January 14, 2019 at the Henderson County Co-op Extension Expo Center 3341 Zion Road in Henderson, KY 42420 We welcomed, Guest Speaker- Mike Grant of D & M Honey Farm in Carrier Mills, IL. Mike was accompanied by his support team and partner- Becky and Debbie. Larry Stone led our prayer.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

We had no minutes since last month was the Christmas Party. Welcome to 2019!

III. Treasurer's Report

Jan announced collections and expenditures for the last 2 months. Beginning Treasury balance \$9535.97 Ending Treasury balance: \$9344.05 Annual dues were received of \$490.00. Expenses for Bee Club Shirts, KSBA Dues and Christmas party expenses were \$681.92. A motion was made and seconded to approve the totals as submitted.

IV. Old Business

- a) Membership dues should have been paid by 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
- b) Feed your hives as needed during breaks in the weather. You may want to check your hives and maybe add a sugar patty. Kent Williams sugar patty recipe: 4 lb. sugar, 1 tsp citric acid, 1 ½ tsp Honey Bee Healthy, ¾ C. Apple Cider Vinegar. Mix together and form patties. You can wrap in wax paper or newspaper and place them directly on the frames. Make sure your hives have some ventilation to keep the condensation down. If you don't have time or you are lazy beekeepers like Don and myself, you can always throw some refined white sugar on wax paper or newspaper and place it on the frames. The moisture in the hive will mix with the sugar and make a bee-acceptable alternative. We mixed some spearmint and lemon grass oil into the white sugar and took it down to the hives in ziplock bags.
- c) Beekeepers of Southwest Indiana will meet the third Thursday of each month (next meeting: January 17). 6-8 PM Vincennes University Gibson Center 8100 US Hwy 41 North Fort Branch, IN Guest Speaker will be Mike Harris, a beekeepers from TN discussing Varroa mite treatment using the Oxalic Acid dribble method.
https://www.facebook.com/pg/Beekeepers.of.SWIN/community/?ref=page_internal

- d) All Club shirts that have been ordered are in. Please see Rita if you need to order a shirt.

V. New Business

- a) 2019 Bee School Agenda and Instructors have been announced. Agenda and a School Flyer are on the website and a flyer is attached. We hope you will attend and volunteer to help with set-up, registration and tear-down. Mark the date: March 2, 2019. Help getting the word out is appreciated. If you help with set-up, registration, Bee School tear-down, etc. your Bee School admission will be free. To be entered into door prize drawings, you must pay Bee School admission. Contact Larry or Rita to get on the sign-up sheets to help with Bee School 2019.
- b) Larry Stone will be on the radio 97.7 on February 11 at 10 AM to talk about bees and bee school. He will also be a guest on WSON 96.5 February 13 at 8 AM. Let's give a hand to Mr. Microphone! **golf clap**
- c) If anyone needs a table to sell honey or other items, please contact Larry. Tables are free for members
- d) If you order from area vendors you can have your purchases brought to school. Order early to insure there is room on the trucks.
- e) Some of us wives have been discussing the refreshments. We discussed it at the meeting a little and even discussed doing away with them altogether. Solution: When it is your month: Bring what you want, **but no one expects more than a few chips, pretzels or cookies to nibble on.** That said, Roy and Lauren are on the schedule for next month and Roy says "It will be pizza!"

VI. Education

- a) If you need queens now is the time to order. Curtis Simpson (270-313-2819) will have some that he and Tiphani have bred which should be available in May. If you are interested, please get in touch with him as soon as possible. If you need Queens immediately, you could be in trouble. Many of the breeders are already sold out through June.
- b) Larry presented a slide show on how he slightly boils his frames and scrapes them to prepare for a new year. It looked like a God-awful lot of work but we did enjoy his trash bag protective gown. Thanks for sharing!
- c) If you plan on ordering Nucs or package bees it is best to get the order in soon. Roy Lynch will be selling some nucs. 812-215-6898 Curtis may have some available, I think on a prepaid basis.
- d) Earl Schnell is offering some Complete Hive Packages which include bees. Prepayment is required: \$259.99 until 01-31-19. \$299.99 thereafter. Only 200 are available. Contact Earl at 812-598-9162 for details of the deal. It's a very nice, complete package.
- e) Now is the time for equipment maintenance and painting.
- f) Our Guest Speaker, Mike Grant, of D & M Honey Farm <https://www.facebook.com/DebMikeHoneyFarm/> discussed his Oxalic Acid vaporizing device which simplifies varroa mite treatment for those utilizing Oxalic Acid Vaporization with many hives. Mike also discussed the value of returning to some of the core basics of beekeeping as gleaned from many hours of discussions and research with beekeepers from many decades ago. Mike will be teaching classes at our Bee School in March. I am really looking forward to hearing about

some of the “vintage” beekeeping practices. Debbie and Mike (D & M) will also be having a 1-day Bee School/Field Day for free at D & M Honey Farm 1220 Legion Mills Road Carrier Mills, IL on May 25, 2019. This event is no-charge. There will be a food truck on site offering lunch for purchase. Please check the D & M Facebook site for further information, etc. Their phone: (618) 841-6593

VII. Save a date

- a) March 2, 2019 Audubon Beekeepers Bee School <http://www.audubonbeekeepersassociation.com> **A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers. Contact Larry to be added.**
- b) Graves County-Kent Williams Apiary Field Workshop, April 12-15
- 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 Earl Schnell passed out a new 10-page list at the meeting. Contact him if you want a copy. 10 pages is about 9 too many to attach to an email. 😊

VIII. Adjournment

Larry Stone adjourned the meeting after motion made and seconded.

Minutes submitted by: Diane Fisher

Thanks to Larry & Rita Stone for this evening’s refreshments and to Cathy Cure for this evenings door prize which was won by Charlie Murphy. A big thanks to all who help with refreshments and door prizes.

Next meeting: 02/11/19 **Refreshments** Roy Lunch and Lauren Norvell

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

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