



Audubon Beekeepers Association Meeting Minutes

March 11, 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 March 11, 2019 at the Henderson County Co-op Main Building Conference Room A 3341 Zion Road in Henderson, KY 42420. Guests were Randy & Tyla Merta. Larry Stone led our prayer.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from last month's meeting were approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

Jan outlined our current treasury. Beginning Treasury balance \$9353.05 Ending Treasury balance: \$8817.22 Funds added: \$2106.00 Expenses: \$2641.83 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 on good days to get them through the next 2 months. Make sure your hives have some ventilation to keep the condensation down. Queens are beginning to lay now. It's time to introduce some bee pollen to your sugar patty. Ultra Bee, AP23. L.V. uses Soy Flour.
- c) If possible, now is the time to treat your hives with Oxalic Acid on days that the bees are flying. Also be thinking about what Varroa mite treatments you want to use later this Spring when honey supers are on. You can use Mite-a-way when temps stay consistently above 50F at night but don't exceed 80-85 during the day.
- d) Beekeepers of Southwest Indiana will meet the third Thursday of each month (next meeting: March 21). 6-8 PM Vincennes University Gibson Center 8100 US Hwy 41 North Fort Branch, IN. Guest Speaker will be Steve Hahus, biologist/beekeeper from Owensboro.
https://www.facebook.com/pg/Beekeepers.of.SWIN/community/?ref=page_internal
- e) Please see Rita if you ordered a club shirt.

- f) The Green Valley Beekeepers has a new President, Jim Mason who is a member of Audubon Beekeepers. Meetings are the 1st Monday at 7 PM. <https://www.facebook.com/Green-Valley-Beekeepers-Association-474296209301881/>

V. New Business

- a) Bee School was a success with a smaller but more manageable crowd. Our extra food went to the Women's and Men's Shelters here in Henderson thanks to Erika Henderson who delivered the excess food. We'll be spending the next few months taking suggestions on how to spread the word about Bee School more effectively and perhaps implementing on-line registration to respond more effectively to what the public wants.
- b) Erika has put Bee School photos on the website and had a slide show of the school at the meeting. Thanks Erika for all you do!
- c) Thanks to everyone who helped with the school. Due to the club response, we had enough worker bees to spread the load and the set-up and tear down was accomplished very quickly. THANK YOU ALL!
- d) Larry Stone and Scott Deahl attended the Bluegrass School in Frankfort.

VI. Education

- a) If you need queens now is the time to order. Curtis Simpson (270-313-2819) will have some Gardner Queens April 18th. Cost: \$30.00. He will also have some that he and Tiphani have bred which should be available in mid to late May. If you are interested, please get in touch with him as soon as possible.
- b) If you plan on ordering Nucs it is best to get the order in soon. Roy Lynch will be selling some nucs. 812-215-6898 Earl Schnell 812-598-9162 also plans to see some and Curtis Simpson 270-313-2819 will have some available.
- c) Now is the time for equipment maintenance and painting.
- d) Temperatures should be favorable on Wednesday for checking Queen laying patterns and to determine if you need to rotate your boxes. If you're not sure about rotating boxes then leave them as they are **and make sure they have food**. If you decide to rotate boxes, again, make sure to place a shim and put some sugar patty with bee pollen between the rotated frames so your bees have a food source if the temps dip.
- e) 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

Save the date

- a) March 23 Ohio County Beekeepers Don't see any mention of a school but here's the link https://www.facebook.com/pg/ohiocountybeekeepers/photos/?ref=page_internal
- b) Graves County-Kent Williams Apiary Field Workshop, April 11-13 <https://www.facebook.com/events/2051361281553543/>
- c) Field Day: D & M Honey Farm 1220 Legion Mills Road Carrier Mills, IL on May 25, 2019. Their phone: (618) 841-6593 <https://www.facebook.com/DebMikeHoneyFarm/>

d) HAS-Bowling Green July 8-10th <http://www.heartlandbees.org/has-2019-nashville/>

VII. Adjournment

Larry Stone adjourned the meeting after motion made and seconded.

Minutes submitted by: Diane Fisher

Thanks to The Schnells and the Geiss's for this evening's refreshments and thanks to Dadant's for this evening's door prize. A big thanks to all who help with refreshments and door prizes.

Next meeting: 04/08/19 **Refreshments:** The Fishers and The Duggers

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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