



Audubon Beekeepers Association Meeting Minutes

April 8, 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 April 8, 2019 at the Henderson County Co-op Main Building Conference Room A 3341 Zion Road in Henderson, KY 42420. Guests were The Merrill's. 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

Larry outlined our current treasury. Beginning Treasury balance \$9353.05 Ending Treasury balance: \$9353.05 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) Make sure your hives have ventilation. Queens are laying now. Check for good laying patterns and no drone cells interspersed with the brood. If those drone cells are present you may need to re-Queen. Feed 1:1 sugar water if necessary, but the nectar is flowing so feeding may be unnecessary unless you are creating splits or have a weak hive. Check your brood chambers to make sure there is enough room for the queen to lay.
- c) Spring Varroa mite treatments should be complete or done very soon before those honey supers go on unless you're using Mite-a-way strips. 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: April 18th). 6-8 PM Vincennes University Gibson Center 8100 US Hwy 41 North Fort Branch, IN
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 will meet the 1st Monday at 7 PM. Daviess County Cooperative Extension Building 4800A New Hartford Rd in Owensboro. <https://www.facebook.com/Green-Valley-Beekeepers-Association-474296209301881/>

V. New Business

- a) Larry Stone, Scott Deahl and Kevin Moser attended the Ohio County Bee School where Larry gave a presentation on Beginning Beekeeping. Scott and Larry also attended the Bee School in Hardin County, Elizabethtown.

VI. Education

- a) If you need queens now is the time to order. Curtis Simpson (270-313-2819) has some Gardner Queens. 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. Earl Schnell 812-598-9162 plans to sell some and Curtis Simpson 270-313-2819 will have some available. Curtis also has double-deep hives brimming with bees for \$240.00-minimum of 6.
- c) Rotate your boxes if the bottoms are sparse.
- d) Get your swarm traps up! Use old comb in swarm traps as an attractant.
- e) Thanks to Curtis Simpson for presenting details on several different methods to easily split active hives. There is too much info to put in the meeting minutes. He also touched briefly on the various methods of growing your own queens. Very interesting and lively discussion!
- f) 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) Graves County-Kent Williams Apiary Field Workshop, April 11-13 Larry will be attending Friday the 12th if someone needs a ride <https://www.facebook.com/events/2051361281553543/>
- b) 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/>
- c) **Queen grafting class with Chris Renfro May 4th**
- d) HAS-Bowling Green July 8-10th <http://www.heartlandbees.org/has-2019-nashville/>
- e) Kentucky State Fair August 23rd

f) Green Valley Beekeepers Association September 21-Owensboro Honey Exposition. Details to follow soon.

VII. Adjournment

Larry Stone adjourned the meeting after motion made and seconded.

Minutes submitted by: Diane Fisher

Thanks to The Dugger's and the Fisher's for this evening's refreshments and thanks to Willie Girtten's wife, Vickie, who made beautiful quilted soup bowl holders/warmers for this evening's door prize. Roy Lynch and Jim Mason each won a set of 2. A big thanks to all who help with refreshments and door prizes.

Next meeting: 05/13/19 **Refreshments:** The Freer's and The Dorriss's

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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