



Audubon Beekeepers Association Meeting Minutes

May 13, 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 May 13, 2019 at the Henderson County Co-op Main Building Conference Room A 3341 Zion Road in Henderson, KY 42420 We had 4 visitors and 1 new member. 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 \$8817.22 Ending Treasury balance: \$9797.22. Income was \$480.00 from KSBA and \$500.00 from UK for grants related to our Bee School attendance 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) Beekeepers of Southwest Indiana will meet the third Thursday of each month (next meeting: May 16th). 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
- c) Please see Rita if you would like a club shirt. She still has a few. Cost to club members: \$5.00
- d) 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/>
- 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

V. New Business

- a) Check out www.ksabeekeeping.org for information on the KY-certified Honey Producers Program. Costs and stickers are available on the site. Honey sold at the KY State Fair will need to be KY-certified this year.

VI. Education

- a) Make sure your hives have ventilation. Feed new splits 1:1 sugar water. Add honey supers as necessary. It is easy for hives to become honey bound during this time of heavy nectar flow.
- b) New thoughts on Varroa mite treatment suggest that they should be treated in July rather than August. Check the website for suggested treatment methods depending upon temperatures, honey supers and hive conditions. There are many different treatment methods. Choose the method that suits your conditions.
- c) It's not too late to rotate boxes on weak or underperforming hives.
- d) Swarm boxes should be put out. Several members have collected swarms.
- e) We discussed using Queen excluders. They should be placed on top of the bottom box-some say when the worker bees have begun to draw a little comb. When you have excluders in place add your new boxes above the excluder. If you are not using excluders continue to add boxes to the top of the hive.

Save the date

- a) 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/>
- b) Queen grafting class with Chris Renfrow. June 8th. Limited class size. Info at the bottom of these minutes.
- c) HAS-Bowling Green July 8-10th <http://www.heartlandbees.org/has-2019-nashville/>
- d) Kentucky State Fair August 23rd. Sign-up sheet is now available.
- e) Green Valley Beekeepers Association September 21-Owensboro Honey Exposition and Beekeeping School. Owensboro Community College-Humanities Bldg. More details to follow.

VII. Adjournment

Larry Stone adjourned the meeting after motion made and seconded.

Minutes submitted by: Diane Fisher

Thanks to The Dorriss' and The Freer's for this evening's refreshments and thanks to Brad and Dee Griffin and Larry Wedding for this evening's door prizes. Myra Teal and Rob Geiss were the lucky winners. A big thanks to all who help with refreshments and door prizes.

Next meeting: 06/10/19 **Refreshments:** The Weddings and The Hiltons

Like us on Facebook at Audubon Beekeepers Association and please check out our website at:

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

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

ATTENTION: BEEKEEPERS!

Stop searching for queens, raise your own! Right now, queens are in high demand to make splits, nucs, and to replace aging queens. New queens are in limited supply and will cost on average about \$30 if you can find one. For \$30 you can learn how to graft your own queens, be able to supply your own needs, sell your excess queens, and have a source of income to offset some of your other beekeeping expenses.

The Green Valley Beekeepers Association will host a class on grafting queens on **Saturday, June 8** to be taught by **Chris Renfrow**, a founding member of the **Kentucky Queen Breeders Association** and the current president of the Kentucky State Beekeepers. This one-day class from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. will be held in the **Daviess County Cooperative Extension Service** located at 4800A New Hartford Road in Owensboro at the rear of the Owensboro Community & Technical College campus.

The cost of the class which includes grafting tools that attendees will keep is \$30, and **the number of students will be limited to 20**. Lunch is not provided. The deadline for registrations and payment of tuition is June 3. Seating for registrants will be reserved in the order they are received. It is suggested that those who wish to attend the class send a text or email to GVBA president Jim Mason at (270) 315-8292 or mailbox@greenvalleybeekeepers.org and then mail a check payable to **Green Valley Beekeepers Association, Attention: Jim Mason, P.O. Box 22, Owensboro, KY 42302**.

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