



Audubon Beekeepers Association Meeting Minutes

June 10, 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 June 10, 2019 at the Henderson County Co-op Main Building Conference Room A 3341 Zion Road in Henderson, KY 42420 We had one visitor (Elyon and Ginny's grandson, Matthew Gardner) and welcomed a new member (Jerry Morgan). 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 \$9797.22 Ending Treasury balance: \$9817.22. Income was \$80.00 from dues. Expenses: \$60.00 to KSBA for memberships. 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: June 20th). 6-8 PM Vincennes University Gibson Center 8100 US Hwy 41 North Fort Branch, IN Guest speaker will be EAS Master Beekeeper John Benham discussing "Dealing with Honeybee Disease-Identifying them, Their Causes, Cures and Prevention. 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) Earl Schnell is selling equipment and supplies so think about checking with him when you need beekeeping items. Earl Schnell 812.598.9162
- f) Curtis and Tiphani Simpson have been collecting Queen cells which you can pick-up at their location for \$8.00 Curtis 270-313-2819 <https://www.facebook.com/RangerBees/>
- g) Jim Mason reported on his club's Queen grafting class, which was a hands-on experience for the 12 people who attended. Grafting tools and live materials were used as Chris Renfrow, President of the KSBA guided the attendees through the grafting process.
- h) Judy and Jimmy Dorris and Larry Stone attended the Field Day at D & M Honey Farm as they toured Mike Grant's bee yard.

V. New Business

- a) Check out www.kybees.org for the new website or 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.**
- b) New Officers were elected
 - President: Larry Stone
 - Vice-President: L.V. Dugger
 - Treasurer: Jan Powell
 - Secretary: Samantha Merkel

VI. Education

- a) Continue to monitor your brood chambers to make sure the Queen is not honey bound. Make sure she has open frames to lay her eggs. If she does not, move some frames up to give her the room she needs.
- b) Feed nucs and splits 1:1 sugar water Feed hives without drawn comb.
- c) Make sure that hives have adequate ventilation and get supers on as needed.
- d) Using Queen excluders will keep your Queen out of the supers. Think about simplifying your honey extraction by using them.
- e) Bees are still swarming! Keep your swarm traps up and monitor them.
- f) Consensus says treat for Varroa mites in July if possible. The method of treatment will be dependent upon area temperatures and whether you are treating with supers still in place. Check the website for further information regarding the pros and cons of various treatment options.
- g) If you would like to use the club extractor please call 270-339-7245 for an appointment. Please bring as many food-grade 5-gallon plastic pails as you think you will need. 10 frame supers may yield 3-5 gallons of honey.

Save the date

- a) HAS-Bowling Green July 8-10th <http://www.heartlandbees.org/has-2019-nashville/>
- b) Vaughn Collins Field Day July 13th-5424 N. 75 E. Patoka, IN Time TBD
- c) Kentucky State Fair, Friday, August 23rd. Sign-up sheet is now available. Admission tickets and parking are provided. <https://kystatefair.org/>
- d) Kelley (Mann Lake) Field Day Sept. 7th. No additional info found.
- i) Green Valley Beekeepers Association September 21-Owensboro Honey Exposition and Beekeeping School. Owensboro Community College-Humanities Bldg. More details to follow. . <https://www.facebook.com/Green-Valley-Beekeepers-Association-474296209301881/>

VII. Adjournment

Larry Stone adjourned the meeting after motion made and seconded.

Minutes submitted by: Diane Fisher

Thanks to The Weddings and The Hiltons for this evening's refreshments and thanks to Cathy Cure and Mike and Myra Teal for this evening's door prizes. Tiphani Simpson and Marcella Hobgood were the lucky winners. A big thanks to all who help with refreshments and door prizes.

Next meeting: 07/8/19 **Refreshments:** Brad and Dee Griffin and John and Sarah Hibbs

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