# Northern Kentucky Beekeepers Association

**Monthly Meeting Notes**

## Tuesday April 3, 2018 – 6:30 pm

**Boone County Extension Enrichment Center**

**43 people in attendance**

1. **President’s report (Tom Spille)**
   1. Opened with Pledge of Allegiance.
   2. Welcomed 3 new 1st time visitors, and three new individuals/families joined as members at the meeting.
   3. This month's Bee Line has interesting info on use of Lithium chloride and Oxalic Acid for treating Varroa mites
   4. After additional discussion, the board decided to purchase 2 sets of Oxalic Acid vaporizers and batteries. Members can borrow the equipment but will have to purchase their own personal protective equipment (respirator and gloves) and oxalic acid.
   5. We are considering purchasing an observation hive to use at speaking events. There is one from Dadant for $119. Holds a deep and medium frame. Glass on both sides. New member, Boo Boyers, mentioned that he has woodworking tools and skills and would be willing to make one if he had designs. Ron Zembrodt volunteered to help also and they will come up with ideas and designs and will let Tom (Spille) know what they come up with.
   6. Tonight's topic is on different types of pollinating plants/trees presented by **Gina Ligon**
2. **Vice President's Report (Rhonda Hampton)**
3. Beekeeping Topic for Bookfest 2018. The event is April 27 at NKU. Students will be in grades 5 and 6, and will have read “Hour of the Bees”. Rhonda and John Kerr will do 3 back to back 45 min sessions, starting at 9:45 am.
4. We are looking for volunteers to help with stations at the upcoming Field Day/Hive visit on June 5; especially looking for someone to coordinate this event. There is a sign-up sheet at sign-in table (see Field Day Committee Report below).
5. **Treasurer's Report (Tom Spille** – filling in for Tonia Spille tonight**)**
6. 2018 dues are $10 per family/household and can be paid by cash or check (to NKYBA) at the break or by mail. Membership is Jan. to Dec. Membership in the Kentucky State Beekeepers Association (KSBA) is $15/year and can also be paid through our club.
7. We have $4575 in our Treasury, plus two more checks to deposit, including $100 from KY Ag for our lunch sponsorship using KY Proud items at the 201 school and $213 received from KSBA for attendees of our 201 bee school.
8. We have 96 paid members/families as of the April meeting, reflecting perhaps 200 or so individuals total from last year, already surpassing last year’s total.
9. **Secretary's Report (John Meier)**
10. Don’t forget to sign in and check the sign-in sheet for accuracy. Also indicate whether you want to be on swarm list and for which counties. If you’re not getting club correspondence, verify that your email address is correct.
11. You have to be a member by the April meeting to borrow the honey extractors, test kits for American Foulbrood, and the recently purchased oxalic acid vaporizers. Soon we’ll also have oxalic acid vaporizers to borrow (see “new business” below. To get on the swarm list (which is finalized at the April meeting), you need to have attended at least 3 meetings (bee schools count also) since Jan. 2017. The swarm list and mentor lists are posted on the homepage of our website. Meeting notes can be found on the website as well.
12. **Committee reports** 
    1. **Club equipment (Carl Knochelmann)**:

We have 2 honey extractor sets, teaching hive, 2 Oxalic Acid vaporizer sets and AFB Detection Kits. With our growing membership, we may need to consider a third extractor at some point.

1. **Introduction to Beekeeping 101:** Beekeeping 101 tentatively for FEB 9, 2019. Will confirm later in the year.
2. **Intermediate Beekeeping 201 School:** Rhondareported that 73 attended. Next year tentatively scheduled for March 9, 2019.
3. **Field Day committee:** The Field Event and Hive visit will take place on June 5 at the Boone County Extension Nature Center. NKYBA members to teach “Stations”. So far, Dan Gottman has volunteered to do the hive inspection and Tom Spille will help. Carl Knockelmann will demo the honey extractors and also the club’s new oxalic acid vaporizers. Jason Weidig also volunteered to help where needed.
4. **Community Outreach report**: Looking for someone to be a task leader for speaking and presentation requests. We would forward all requests to this person and they can coordinate as needed with speakers and those requesting presentations.

*-* new member Jason Weidig is using the teaching hive for a presentation on in Mid April about bees and beekeeping to elementary students (the whole school!) at Our Lady of the Assumption Academy in Walton sometime around mid-April.

*-* VP Rhonda Hampton and John Kerr are using the teaching hive on April 27th at NKU

1. **Old Business**
   1. Duke Energy – *Status:* Pete Montoure has been following up with different people about the Grant Program but has not gotten a positive response. Duke may be more interested in putting in pollinator habitat than beehives and he is concerned about potential herbicide spraying around the solar panels to keep weed growth down. John Meier also will look into it to see whether it’s worth pursuing.

**b.** B105 radio program morning show "Around The House". Tony Ruttencutter. 513-749-B105 Talk about how lawn treatments, etc. effect our bees. John Kerr is in contact with them*. Status:* John is still trying to nail down a date/time with the radio station

1. **New Business (Rhonda)**

**a.** National Pollinator Week. June 18-24

**b.** Looking for interest in aClub tee shirt, it's been many years since we've done this. Does anyone have any connections to input to get this accomplished? There was a great response to this idea at the meeting. Four people (Katie Paytes, Holly (Brenda Gluck’s daughter, Lauren McMillen and Marla Layne) are going to collaborate on a design and Dan Gottmann and Mark Fridenmaker have contacts for getting the t-shirts printed.

**c.** Club Website - The platform we are using is obsolete & GoDaddy will stop supporting it at some point. Ask for volunteer to rebuild website using GoDaddys new website builder. Mike Creamer has experience and volunteered to take this on and also will see about making it possible to accept payments (dues, registrations) through our website.

1. **Good and welfare** - Does anyone have anything they would like to bring up at this time?
2. **Adjournment -**The next meeting will be **May 1st** at the Campbell County Extension Center. **The presenter is Dr. Tammy Potter, the KY State Apiarist**. She will be speaking on bee issues in KY. Come prepared with all your questions.

We’ll take a 10 min break before we start tonight's topic in 10 minutes: Different types of pollinating plants/trees **Gina Ligon** from **Boone County Extension Office**

**2018 Calendar:**

**\*Meetings held on 1st Tuesday of the month unless noted and schedule/topics subject to change**

* Jan 2: Campbell County: Board nominations & Bee School planning session, KSBA, bee order information, mentor program, web site info, Facebook, Schedule for 2018
* Feb 6: Boone County: Elections & Bees- Elections. Installing a Package of Bees, and Speaker on Nuc Management, construction and using nucs as an emergency hive. Speaker is Dan Gottmann of Danny G’s Honey Bees.
* Feb 17 Saturday: Boone County Enrichment Center: Lower Level, Annual Free Bee School “**Introduction to Beekeeping 101”**,9 to 2
* March 6: Campbell County - catching swarms; capture boxes; swarm baits. Members **Ron and Joanna Zembrodt** will be presenting.
* March 10: **Intermediate Beekeeping 201**, Boone County Enrichment Center, lower level. Phil Craft is presenter.
* April 3: **Boone County Enrichment Center-Project Room upstairs**: Different types of pollinating plants/trees **Gina Ligon** from **Boone County Extension Office**
* May 1: Campbell County: **Dr. Tammy Potter, KY State Apiarist**will speak on bee issues in KY.
* June 5: Boone County: **Field Event and Hive visit**- Boone Extension Nature Center NKYBA members to teach “Stations”
* July 10: meeting at “School House Bees” - **Ron Spille**, topic Q&A on general beekeeping and tour
* August 7: Boone County: **Guest Speaker Keith Crigger of Crigger Honey**
* September 4: Campbell County: **Winterizing Your Hive and Varroa Mite treatment Phil Craft** is the speaker
* October 2: Boone County Extension Center: Harvest Social - Harvest Social and discussion. Discuss experiences with wax processing. Club furnishing simple meal (chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, drinks, plates, etc). Members can bring something to share, side or dessert, but not req’d.

Please support our association, NKYBA dues $10/family/year; KSBA membership is $15 per year per family. Please support our association and the state association by joining both when you re-new your membership with NKY beekeepers assoc. We will send down your state membership information as a group. All memberships in the KSBA run from January 1 to December 31 each year.

useful web site link:

<http://www.kyagr.com/statevet/honeybees.html#!prettyPhoto/1/>

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