# Northern Kentucky Bee Keepers Association

**MONTHLY MEETING Notes**

## Tuesday February 7, 2017 – 6:30pm

**Location: Boone County Extension Office**

**33 in attendance**

1. **President’s Report**—

a. Welcomed first time visitors.

b. Member Greg Schneider donated to the Pollinator Stewardship Council in Akron and included our association name with that donation.

c. Don Sorrel from the Campbell County Extension office has asked for our schedule and for information about our upcoming schools. He is going to pencil us in for our meeting dates and promote our schools. This is good news to see him reaching out to support us.

d. Just a FYI, I found a new supplier of bees and nucs, The Honey and Bee Connection**.** If anyone needs bees, he has 1200 packages on order for April. 3# pkg for $98, 5 frame nuc for $150.  The person coming up to teach, Rob Alfred, goes to Georgia with him and will bring any packages or other items ordered for this area to his place in Campbell County.  That makes it a more local pick-up.

http://www.thehoneyandbeeconnection.com

We added this company to our web page list of local suppliers as well.

1. **Treasurer's Report**—Currently $1932 in Treasury

We now have 32 paid members/families as of the Feb, meeting. 24 people renewed their membership at the meeting and 1 new member joined.

**2017 dues are $10 per family/household**. Active member benefits include use of club extractors, American Foul Brood Detection Kit, and inclusion in our swarm list. Membership is Jan. to Dec.

**Ky State Beekeepers Association**. reminder of membership , $15 per family per year

1. **Miscellaneous Reports:**

**a. Extractor status:** Carl reported that both extractors are currently out.

**b.** **Beginner Bee School, Saturday, Feb. 25, 10 to 2 at Boone County Extension Center, upstairs**

* Since last meeting, Tom spoke with Jim Coss from The Bee and Honey Connection. He is donating a complete assembled and painted hive to be raffled off at our beginner bee school as well as some door prizes. He is also sending a representative to offer an hour presentation at our school.
* Melanie was contacted by Danny G Bees and he is donating a hive again this year to be raffled off at our bee school.
* Ron Spille from School House Bees is supplying us with a NUC for our school raffle
* While calling for catalogs Anna has collected very nice door prizes from Mann Lake and Better Bee so far.
* Carl is contacting Dadant about door prizes and catalogs.
* Tonia has the online registration set up with Boone Extension and our space reserved
* The board have all reached out to suppliers for door prizes and catalogs
* Rhonda and Tonia have worked on the flyer which is available tonight
* The collective board has been tweaking the schedule. It is complete and will be printed to give to attendees upon arrival
* Once everyone's presentations are ready, we will consolidate them to make handouts
* We are working on getting a laptop for the presentations and a microphone. We've confirmed most of the speakers.
* The club provides drinks and dessert for the school: cups & napkins: Anna; drinks & desserts: John & Rhonda. Any club member could donate dessert or a dish to share.
* An ice machine is available at extension office
* Tonia can make copies of handouts and schedule
* Anna is taking care of the onsite registration and welcome table as well as raffle ticket sales. We will send the attendee and presenter list to the KSBA to receive a $2 per attendee/ presenter support check. Anna has the roll of raffle tickets and the club banner for the registration table. She will also have door prize registration.
* Due to the nature of our prizes, you must be there at the end to be eligible to win a door prize or raffle. Raffle tickets are $1 each. Great prizes for $1. Plan to buy several.
* Tonia has asked the Boone County Extension office to post the bee school on their sign

We should ask the BC office to email the school flyer to their database. Don Sorrel from Campbell Cty. ext is promoting our school and meetings in his ag. newsletter. We have flyers available to take and pass out. Please see if you can place them in the windows or bulletin board areas of places like Tractor Supply, ACE Hardware, Southern States, libraries, etc.

Maybe a club member would be willing to donate a jar of honey or two to raffle off or for a door prize?

**Old Business**

**a. Ky State Beekeepers Association.**

Membership is $15 per family per year

KSBA Membership includes:

* Entry to the KSBA spring, summer, and fall meetings.
* Subscription to the Bee Line, KSBA’s official newsletter.
* Opportunity to sell honey or beeswax through the Honey Booth at the Kentucky State Fair.
* Representation by Kentucky’s oldest and largest beekeeping organization.
* Opportunity to be listed on the KSBA’s website as a supplier of honey bee related products.

The KSBA now pays the bee schools $2 per attendee which includes the instructors as well as students (all who attend). To be eligible for the school funding, the officers of the association sponsoring the school must be current dues paying members of the KSBA. Our board as well as one other member so far have become members of KSBA. If members would like to join, it will help our local association and at the same cost if we send memberships in as a group, (downloadable from the KSBA website). All memberships in the KSBA run from January 1 to December 31 each year.

b. **American Foul Brood Detection Kit**

When I attended a meeting in Dec. with other association leaders from across the state, Dr. Tammy Horn suggested that each association have at least one Honey Bee American Foul Brood Detection Kit on hand in the event it's needed. We decided at the Jan. meeting to purchase one. Carl arranged for. It will be picked up with door prizes and catalogs for our school.

**New Business**

1. "**Beyond Beekeeping**" school is scheduled for Saturday April 29th from 9 am to 4:30 with Phil Craft as the speaker. Cost is $15 for members, $20 for non-members. Includes lunch with Q&A during lunch. Located at the Boone Cty. Enrichment Center lower level. Please help us make this a successful school. Is anyone interested in working on a committee for this school?
2. **2017 Elections:**

current officers: (all were nominated at the Jan. meeting)

President- Tom Spille

Vice President- Rhonda Hampton

Treasurer- Anna Gurley

Secretary- Melanie Derrick

Member at Large- Carl Knochelmann

Opened the floor for nominations and elections. John Meier was nominated. John Meier won the vote for Secretary. All other officers were voted in.

**Training Presentation by Carl Knochelmann:**

Bees- Where & how to get them to start a hive, different types of bees, queen breeders, led by Member At Large Carl Knochelmann, great discussion for over an hour. Handout of different races of bees and their characteristics. Many questions and answers.

The next meeting will be March 7th at the Campbell County Extension Center.

**2017 Calendar: Meetings held on 1st Tuesday of the month unless noted and schedule/topics subject to change**

* Jan 3: Campbell County: Elections & Bee School planning session, KSBA, bee order information
* Feb 7: Boone County: Elections & Bees- Where & how to get them to start a hive, different types of bees, queen breeders, led by Member at Large- Carl Knochelmann
* Feb 25 Saturday: **Boone County Extension Office: Annual Bee School**
* March 7: Campbell County: Hive Installation/different types of hives (Langstroth, top bar hive, etc.) and location/placement of hive, or other topic by Deborah Buttler's bee keeper brother if he is in town.
* April 4: Boone County: Different types of pollinating plants/trees **Gina Ligon** from **Boone County Extension**
* **April 29: Beyond Beekeeping School, Boone County Enrichment Center, lower level**
* May 2: Campbell County: **Dr. Tammy Horn, KY State Apiarist** come and speak on bee issues in KY
* June 6: Boone County: **Guest Speaker is Keith Crigger of Crigger Honey**
* July 11: Boone County: Field Event and Hive visit- Date/Location Nature Center, weather dependant
* August 1: Campbell County: Have a beginner share their experience as a new bee keeper, Video and General Q/ A
* September 5: Campbell County: Guest Speaker or video and Winterizing Your Hive
* October 3: Boone County Extension Center: Harvest Social - "year in review", bring an appetizer to share! Association will provide drinks

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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