



# Warren County Ohio Beekeepers

## September Officers' Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Tuesday, September 8, 2026

**Location:** Anya's Place

**Time:** 6:30pm

### Officers

- **Laura — President** (*Absent*)
- **Anya — Vice President**
- **Jess Gray — Secretary**
- **Dallas Jackson — Treasurer**
- **Bernie Youkman — Co-Educator**

## I. Welcome & Meeting Goals — 5 min

**Facilitator:** Dallas

### Goals for Today

- Finalize September club meeting plans.
- Discuss November Holiday Market and lock in vendors.
- Review membership and renewal plans.
- Continue Bee School planning.
- Review website launch and communications.
- Confirm upcoming responsibilities and deadlines.



## II. Treasurer's Report — 5 min

### Dallas

- Beginning balance: **\$6,684.58**
- Interest: **\$86**
- CD #1: Rolled into checking
- CD #2: **\$4,321.55**, matures October 2

### Future Purchases

Discuss priorities for:

- Club merchandise
- T-shirts
- Welcome bags
- Pens/promotional materials

## III. Membership & Scholarships — 10 min

### Membership

- Current members: **190**
- No new members for August.
- Newsletter subscribers: **135**, up 2.
- Website issues affecting membership/renewals.
- Website go live- Mid September



## Membership Renewal

Discuss:

- Begin renewal in **October**?
- Annual membership: **\$30**
- Bee School option: **\$50**, including Bee School, lunch, and membership.

## Scholarships / 4-H

- Review current scholarship recipients.
- Confirm eligibility/project completion.
- **Bernie**: Confirm completed projects and fair participation.
- **Anya**: Touch base with Kevin Lawson regarding 4-H scholarship/bee application.
- Jess: Prepare application for review with potential requirements
- Discuss future scholarship requirements and January opportunities.

## IV. September Club Meeting — 10 min

### Presentation

#### Brocks — Bee Pest Management

Focus:

- Managing pests in the hive
- Different methodologies/approaches
- Questions and discussion

### Meeting Responsibilities

- **Host**: Dallas
- **Club announcements**: November Holiday Market
- **Membership/club metrics**: Jess
- **Presenter coordination**: Dallas

### Follow-Up

- Touch base with presenters/participants by **September 14**.



## V. October Meeting Planning — 10 min

### Topic

#### Winterizing Your Hive

Discuss:

- Different perspectives and methodologies for winterizing.
- Preparing colonies for Ohio winter.
- Lessons learned from previous seasons.

#### Possible Presenters

- **Dallas — Hive/Winterizing:** 10 minutes
- **Anya — Sharing:** 10 minutes
- **Lauren:** Anya to ask
- **Kevin Lawson:** Anya to ask
- **Brocks:** Dallas to ask

#### Website Introduction

Jess

- Introduce the new website.
- Show members where to find:
  - Membership information
  - Events
  - Bee School
  - Resources
  - Club information

## VI. November Holiday Market — 15 min

EventNovember:  Holiday MarketNov72026

Saturday, November 7, 2026

10:00 AM–2:00 PM



## Vendor Goal

**10–12 vendors**

**Priority:** Lock in vendors during September.

## Confirmed / Potential Vendors

1. **Bernie & Dallas** — shared table — **Yes**
2. **Anya** — **Yes**
3. **Laura** — **Yes**
4. **Chuck — Laser Engraver** — confirm
5. **Liz & Kevin — Happy Acres** — Anya to contact
6. **Bee Woodall** — Bernie to contact
7. **Irons Fruit Farm** — Anya to contact
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## Discussion

- Vendor cutoff once 10–12 are confirmed.
- Vendor outreach email.
- Publicity schedule.
- Table/space needs.
- Setup and volunteer assignments.

## Food & Fundraising

Potential sales:

- Coffee
- Apple cider
- Hot chocolate
- Cookies

Accept:

- Cash
- Card
- Donations

**Purpose:** Raise funds for the Bee Club.

**Beth Callaghan:** Cookies/food contribution.



## **VII. Bee School Planning — 10 min**

### **Proposed Date**

**Saturday, January 23, 2027**

### **Snow Date**

**Saturday, January 30, 2027**

### **Current Concept**

- One-day Bee School
- Lunch included
- Open to new and existing beekeepers
- Potential **\$50 registration**
- Registration could include free/complimentary annual membership.

### **Discuss**

- Speakers
- Topics
- Scholarships
- Registration
- Capacity
- Promotion
- Handouts/materials
- Volunteer roles

## **VIII. Club Apiary / Honey — 5 min**

### **Honey Harvest**

Discuss:

- Storage location

- Harvesting in the big barn
- Equipment
- Bottling
- Labels/branding
- Selling honey
- Distribution of proceeds



**Future:** More detailed discussion at a planning meeting.

## IX. Communications & Website — 5 min

**Jess**

- September newsletter.
- Holiday Market promotion.
- New website launch.
- Membership renewal communication.
- Social media/publicity.
- Website target: **mid-September**.

## X. OSBA Award — 5 min

**October 23–24, 2026**

- **Jess will submit the award.**
- Follow up after submission.
- Determine if additional information is needed.
- Determine who can attend/represent the club.

## XI. Action Items & Next Steps



| Task                                  | Owner       | Due           |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Confirm Brocks for September meeting  | Dallas      | Sept. 14      |
| Contact October presenters            | Dallas/Anya | September     |
| Contact Irons Fruit Farm              | Anya        | This week     |
| Contact Bee Woodall                   | Bernie      | September     |
| Confirm Chuck                         | Bernie      | September     |
| Finalize 10–12 Holiday Market vendors | Board       | September     |
| Begin Holiday Market publicity        | Board       | September     |
| Launch new website                    | Jess        | Mid-September |
| Prepare October renewal information   | Jess/Board  | October       |

| Task                                              | Owner     | Due       |
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| Confirm scholarship eligibility                   | Bernie    | September |
| Contact Kevin Lawson   Application for review     | Anya/Jess | September |
| Submit OSBA Award                                 | Jess      | October   |
| Continue Bee School speaker outreach Planning Day | Board     | Fall      |
| Finalize Bee School structure Planning Day        | Board     | Fall      |

## XII. Upcoming Events

### September Meeting

Brocks — Bee Pest Management

### October Meeting

Winterizing Hives + New Website Introduction

### October 23–24

OSBA Award

### November 7 | 10 AM–2 PM

Holiday Market

### January 23, 2027

Bee School

### January 30, 2027

Bee School Snow Date

### **XIII. Open Discussion**



- Club mission statement
- Club metrics
- Membership renewal
- Website
- Holiday Market
- Bee School
- Scholarships
- Apiary/honey
- Club merchandise
- Other opportunities or concerns

### **Adjournment**

**Time:** \_7:50pm\_\_\_\_\_

**Next Officers' Meeting:** \_\_\_\_?\_\_\_\_\_