# Northern Kentucky Beekeepers Association

**Monthly Meeting Notes**

## Tuesday February 6, 2018 – 6:30 pm

**Boone County Extension Office Enrichment Center**

**41 people in attendance**

1. **President’s report (Tom Spille)**
   1. Opened with Pledge of Allegiance.
   2. Welcomed 2 new 1st time visitors, and four new individuals/families joined as members at the meeting (Katie Paytes, Mary Hill, Amy Tischner, Pete Schwartz).
   3. Our website was renewed for another year.
   4. Discussion tonight includes Nomination of Officers and Election of New Officers for 2018, Bee Schools planning and registration, NKYBA and KSBA membership, Schedule for 2018.
   5. We currently have 52 people registered for the beginner bee school.
   6. Our educational topic tonight is: Installing a Package of Bees, and Nuc Management, construction, and reasons for using nucs. Our speaker is club member Dan Gottmann.
   7. Phil Craft, a world-renowned educator who is also teaching our Intermediate Beekeeping 201 School, has offered to come speak at our September meeting for a nominal fee, as he has family in the NKY area. There was club consensus in having Phil speak at our 9/4 mtg.
2. **Vice President's Report (Rhonda Hampton)**
3. There are name tags available in back at sign-in table. Please wear these so we can get to know each other better.
4. I have signup sheets to help at registration desk, bring dessert, etc. for our Beginning Beekeeping school. [17 people have volunteered to help and we should be in good shape with all the tasks. Thanks for all the support to make this a successful meeting].
5. Distributed flyers and sign-up sheets for our FREE Beginning Bee School (Introduction to Beekeeping 101). You can register online at: boone.ca.uky.edu or by calling 859-586-6101.
6. We also have flyers and registration forms for the Intermediate Beekeeping School (Beekeeping 201) to be held on March 10– please post around (workplace, libraries, coffee shops, garden clubs, hardware stores, community bulletin boards, etc). [The flyers and Registration forms are also attached to these notes.] Also, help spread the word by telling friends, and by liking and sharing on Facebook.
7. Dan Gottmann (Danny G’s Honey Bees) is donating a hive box for a raffle prize. Thanks Dan. We can use more door prizes so feel free to solicit items like hive tools, bee brushes, smokers, books, etc. from beekeeping supply vendors. [Just in: Member John Kerr is donating three books! Thanks John.]
8. One of our new members – Mary Ann Schultz –has agreed to bring snacks and refreshments for our Campbell County Meetings. Thanks Mary Ann!
9. **Treasurer's Report(Anna Gurley)**
10. 2018 dues are $10 per family/household and can be paid by cash or check (to NKYBA) at the break or by mail. Benefits of membership for those who join on or before April include use of club extractor and use of American Foul Brood test kit. Regular members are also eligible to be included on our swarm list (see Secretary’s Report below for details). Membership is Jan. to Dec. Membership in the Kentucky State Beekeepers Association (KSBA) is $15/year and can also be paid through our club.
11. We have 40 paid members/families as of the February meeting.
12. We had $3,350 in our treasury beforethe meeting.
13. I ordered a new Educational Kit which will be demonstrated at the Bee School and can be used by members for community/school presentations. Come take a look at the break. Also, I will be ordering a new NKYBA banner.
14. **Secretary's Report (John Meier)**
15. 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 your email address is correct.
16. You have to be a member by the April meeting to borrow the extractors and the test kits for American Foulbrood. To get on swarm list (which is finalized at the April meeting), you need to have attended at least 3 meetings (bee schools count also) in the previous 12 months. (To simplify tracking this, we've agreed to include all 12 months in previous calendar year as well as any months up to and including April in new calendar year.
17. **Committee reports**

**a. Club equipment (Carl Knochelmann)**: We have 2 honey extractor sets and American Foul Brood (AFB) Detection Kits. With our growing membership, we may need to consider a third unit at some point. We will also be ordering new metal filters - they hold up better than the plastic ones & are easier to clean**.**

**b. Introduction to Beekeeping 101 School -current schedule**

* Registration and sign-in begins at 8:30. Anna will coordinate registration & raffle sales. When she calls for the catalogs she will ask for donations from the suppliers.
* Tom Spille, President (9:00- 9:05) Welcome introduction and schedule for the day
* Rhonda Hampton, Vice President (9:05-9:25) “We Need Bees”
* John Meier, Secretary (9:25-9:35) “Speaking of Bees...basic beekeeping buzzwords”
* John Kerr, (9:35-10:00) Beekeeping Tools & Equipment, where to buy
* Break (10:00-10:10) Raffle Tickets available during break
* Jim Coss, (10:10-11:40) will speak for about 1.5 hours on First year hive management/ installing packages and pests overview, Q&A after that.
* Lunch (11:40-12:15) Vendor sales, Raffle Tickets available during lunch
* Jim Coss,(12:15-1:45) Nucs and Splits, Q&A
* Closing, (1:45-2:00) Raffle and Door Prizes
* John McMillen volunteered to demo a hive at the school during breaks and lunch and Mike Janicki (tentative), Dan Gottman and John Kerr will demonstrate our new teaching hive.
* We will have vendors set up for review or purchase of supplies during the school day.
* The club will provide drinks and desserts. You’re on your own for lunch - suggest brown-bagging it.
* Still in need of door prizes.

**c. Intermediate Beekeeping 201 School:**

The school is scheduled for Saturday March 10th from 9 am to 4:30 with Phil Craft as the speaker. Phil is a former KY State Apiarist and currently an international expert consultant on beekeeping issues. Check in begins at 8:30 a.m. Cost is $15 for members, $20 for non-members. $5 for children 12 and under. Includes lunch **for registrations postmarked by 3/3/18.** Q&A during lunch. Located at the Boone Cty. Enrichment Center lower level. Flyers for the school & registration forms were distributed at the meeting & are attached. Several members registered at the meeting. Mail form & check made out to “NKY Beekeepers” to Anna Gurley, 36 Bellemonte Ave, Lakeside Park KY 41017.

1. **2018 Officer Elections**
2. Taking office in March, nominate in January and February, vote in February
3. Current officers:

* President- Tom Spille
* Vice President- Rhonda Hampton
* Treasurer- Anna Gurley
* Secretary- John Meier
* Member at Large- Carl Knochelmann

1. Opened the floor for nominations.

* President: **Tom Spille** nominated and elected.
* Vice President: **Rhonda Hampton** nominated and elected
* Treasurer- current Secretary Anna Gurley decided to not seek reelection. She had served the NKYBA in many different leadership roles over an eight+ year period. A warm “Thank You” was given to Anna, followed by a rousing applause.

**Tonia Spille** agreed to take on the Treasurer’s role. Her nomination was accepted and Tonia is our new Treasurer.

* Secretary: **John Meier** nominated and elected. John Kerr volunteered to attend meetings and take notes in John M’s absence during summer months when he has another pressing commitment on Tuesday nights.
* Member at Large: **Carl Knochelmann** nominated and elected.

1. **New Business**

* Radio PR opportunity. We had a request from B105 for a speaker from our club to be interviewed about beekeeping. John Kerr has agreed to do it and has contacted the station and will let us know more details when he hears back.
* Duke Energy Grant: Our State Apiarist, Tammy Potter, has alerted us to a grant opportunity from Duke Energy involving placing beehives in the areas of their solar farms. Pete Montoure is interested in spearheading an effort on behalf of our club to pursue the grant, and will keep us updated with further details.

1. **Educational discussion: Dan Gottmann** gave a demonstration on installing a package of bees, followed by a discussion with handouts on Nucs–Why, how to assemble, when to make them. He referenced a good YouTube video to watch by Master Beekeeper Landi Simone. He also recommended books by Michael Palmer on sustainable beekeeping. He follows Michael’s practices and thinks he’s the best out there. Thanks Dan for an interesting and informative presentation.
2. **Adjournment -** The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 6th at the Campbell County Extension Center, 3500 Alexandria Pike, Highland Heights, KY 41076-1705. Topics for the March 6 meeting are catching swarms; capture boxes; swarm baits. Members **Ron and Joanna Zembrodt** will be presenting.

**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. ~~Tentative~~ 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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