# Northern Kentucky Beekeepers Association

**Monthly Meeting Notes**

## Tuesday Sept 4, 2018 – 6:30 pm

**Campbell County Extension Office, Highland Heights, KY**

**89 people in attendance**

1. **President’s report (Tom Spille)**
   1. Opened with Pledge of Allegiance.
   2. Three new families joined as members at the meeting: Cindy and John Carsman, Gary Wolnitzek and Rick Stegeman. Welcome to our club.
   3. Our guest speaker tonight is **Phil Craft.** Topic is **Winterizing Your Hive and Varroa Mite treatment.** Phil taught our Intermediate Beekeeping School 201 for 2 years now and we are very fortunate he was willing to come present tonight.
   4. Our Oct 2nd meeting is harvest social as well as Crigger Honey Tasting event. We plan for the club furnishing a simple meal (fried chicken, 2 sides) & having people rsvp to plan food. Hopefully we can have a great turnout since members won’t have to bring a prepared dish. We are hoping at least a few people will volunteer to bring desserts.
   5. The 2019 Beekeeping 101 school is tentatively scheduled for 2/9/19 and Beekeeping 102 for 3/9/19
2. **Vice President's Report (Rhonda Hampton)**

(See below under Committee reports and Old Business)

1. **Treasurer's Report (Tonia Spille)**
2. We had $4,835 in our Treasury, prior to this meeting.
3. **Secretary's Report (John Meier)**
4. John Meier is back. I want to thank John Kerr for taking attendance and recording meeting notes in June and July.
5. We have 111 members/families after tonight’s meeting, an all-time high for our club!!
6. **Committee reports** 
   1. **Club equipment (Carl Knochelmann)**: Nothing new to report.
7. **Field Day committee:** (none)
8. **Community Outreach report (Rhonda):**
   1. I want to thank Kathy Ackley for stepping up to be our outreach coordinator 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.
   2. Ron and Joanna Zembrodt, Doug and Kathryn Ackley, Andrew Lutz and John McMillan presented at Nature Day's at Boone Woods Park. Had a great day! Appx 600 people came to event. Newport aquarium, snakes, big prey birds, lots of hands on for kids. Teaching hive was used well. Lots of things for kids to look at. Trying on bee suits. Looking at hive components. Understanding bees wax and how we get it. Bee club well represented.
9. **Old Business**
10. Club T-Shirts – The board will meet and discuss this in detail. Katie Paytes has been working on this and circulated a proof at the previous meeting. Rhonda circulated a sign-up sheet at the meeting and John is following up with all members after the meeting. Please sign up for how many and size so we can work on an order amount.
11. Club Website - The platform we are using is obsolete & GoDaddy will stop supporting it at some point. Mike Creamer is working on the website. We’re hoping to have a way to securely allow members to access contact info for other members and a more detailed report and demo at the October meeting.
12. **New Business** (None)

**Adjournment of Business meeting.** The next meeting will be **October 2nd: *Boone County Enrichment Center, lower level near where we held the schools***: Harvest Social **- Harvest Social and Guest Speaker Keith and Lori Crigger of Crigger Honey**, Honey Tasting. We have refreshments in the back if you'd like to get something before we start tonight's topic in 10 minutes.

1. **Educational Presentation by Phil Craft**

Here are some highlights:

Overall focus: Goals of Fall Management, Concerns and Issues, Month by month management.

Fall management goal: Help the hive survive until spring, Have strong, healthy colonies in the spring.

What to look for:

* “Queen-right” hive
* Need strong colony for winter survival
* Multiple frames of brood
* Need at least 20,000 to 30,000 bees – deep hive body full of bees (count frames of bees or capped brood)
* If less, consider combining colonies in early to mid-October
* Good food stores

Monitor varroa mites; this could be a good club activity. Current guidelines for mite count thresholds: >1 mite/100 in Spring; or >3 mites/100 in late summer. If higher, you need to treat.

Note: 2/3 of new beekeepers lose colonies over winter. Treating for Varroa is an essential part of hive management.

**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: CANCELED/conflict with Boone County Fair:
* September 4: Campbell County: **Winterizing Your Hive and Varroa Mite treatment Phil Craft** is the speaker
* October 2: Boone County Extension Center: Harvest Social and speaker **Keith Crigger of Crigger Honey** - Harvest Social and discussion. 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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