# Northern Kentucky Bee Keepers Association

**MONTHLY MEETING Notes**

## Tuesday January 3, 2017 – 6:30pm

**Location: Campbell County Extension Office**

18 in attendance including 2 new visitors

We discussed the schedule for 2017 which is included.

Vice President Rhonda Hampton led a well received discussion covering General Comments on her OA treatments and use. She walked us through her process including the lessons learned and her very valuable insight gained. We also discussed wax comb storage including ideas to prevent wax moth damage.

**Treasurer's Report**-

72 families for 2016

have about $1800 in the account

we received a $25 donation from the Ft. Wright garden club when Rhonda went and gave her presentation.

Mention 2017 dues are $10 per family/household. Active member benefits include use of club extractor and inclusion in our swarm list. Membership is Jan. to Dec. We had several members pay for their 2017 memberships as well as for the state beekeepers association.

 **New Business**

 **a. Ky State Beekeepers Association.**

On Dec. 3rd, president Tom Spille went to the KSBA officer "meet and greet" at the Hardin County Extension Office in Elizabethtown. It was discovered that there are many benefits to membership in KSBA.

a KSBA member can send information concerning their beekeeping operation such as honey and hive products for sale as well as swarm removals etc along with their contact info and they will list that info on their website under the county of the beekeeper’s choice. That way any one searching the web for honey for sale or swarm removal in their county or area can find the contact information of a local beekeeper. 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.

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. Thank you.

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. The board will all join KSBA so this will help our association.

 The State Fair Honey Booth and membership dues are the only sources  of income for the KSBA so in order to continue supporting schools, our website, state meetings and other beekeeping activities statewide the KSBA needs a strong supportive membership.

KSBA summer meeting will be the same day at Kelly Field day

Additional information from the meeting:

* have your president joint a neighboring association to share ideas, I'm looking into Grant County's Association
* share a speaker with a neighboring association, even if it's the same information, it's from a different person which will make it more interesting or you may hear the info presented differently
* include information from the KSBA newsletter in our emails
* 4H has an essay contest
* FFA has a beekeeper program
* Tammy has a KY Pollinator Book available for down load http://www.kyagr.com/statevet/honeybees.html
* Include a link on our web site to KSBA
* Tammy Horn is putting together a laminated Honey Bee Pocket Disease Identification Guild and will make them available to bee keepers. Her draft sample she showed us looks like a great idea.
* When we are holding a class or meeting, if we forward the information to KSBA, they will include it on their website
* Locals are asked to assist with the state fair
* They are considering holding regional KSBA meetings or perhaps holding webinars
* KSBA meets 3 times a year,
* Pollinator license plates vs bee license plates. By combining forces with the pollinators, we are more likely to get the plates in production. They have the Monarch butterfly plates, etc.
* They are also looking into producing bumper stickers to raise awareness for honey bees
* It is suggested that each association have at least one Honey Bee Foul Brood Detection Kit on hand in the event its needed. About $12, 2 year shelf life or so. Takes 5 minutes for results. Perhaps make available at the local extension office. There have been cases every year in KY since Tammy has been the state apiarist. We voted to purchase this test kit for the association.

b.   **2017 Elections, Taking office in March, nominate in January, vote in February**

current officers:

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

 Opened the floor for nominations, the current officers were nominated for their existing positions. Closed nominations for January and will re-open at the February meeting before the election.

The next meeting will be Feb. 7th meeting at the Boone 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

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 Thank you.

"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.

useful web site link:

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

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