# Northern Kentucky Bee Keepers Association

**Monthly Meeting Notes**

## Tuesday April 4, 2017 – 6:30pm

**Boone County Extension Office**

**30 people in attendance**

1. **President’s report (Tom Spille)**
   1. Welcomed one new 1st time visitor**,** Christine Hoffmann, who joined as a member at the meeting.
   2. Tonight's topic is “Different types of pollinating plants/trees” by Gina Ligon from Boone County Extension.
   3. We recently posted a press release on swarms at Cincinnati.com and in the Community Recorder newspaper; it’s also posted on our Facebook page. Yours truly is featured.
2. **Vice-President’s report (Rhonda Hampton)**
   1. FOX19 Weekend Show - Rhonda and Carl Knochelmann will be interviewed in a 3 min segment about bees and local beekeeping at 9:15 on Easter morning, April 16. You won’t want to miss this!
   2. Rhonda and John Meier gave a talk at Southern States in Alexandria on 4/3.  They discussed the importance of bees and beekeeping basics. The audience (19 attendees) were very engaged and asked many questions.
3. **Treasurer’s Report (Anna Gurley)**
   1. We have 71 paid members as of the April meeting. After sign-ups at the meeting, we now have 76 members.
   2. We currently have $2,841 in our two bank accounts.
   3. So far 32 people have registered for the upcoming Beyond Beginning Beekeeping school with Phil Craft.
   4. KY State Beekeepers Association. Reminder of membership benefit, $15 per family per year. You can join through our club. Talk to Anna.
4. **Secretary’s Report (John Meier)**
   1. Emphasized the importance of signing in and checking contact information for accuracy. Paid members as of this meeting are eligible to borrow the club extractor this year for no charge. If you join after tonight, it will cost you $50. Two more members joined the swarm list for a total of 24. The swarm list is now finalized for 2017, per our by-laws.
   2. John echoed Rhonda’s comments about their beekeeping talk at Southern States Cooperative in Alexandria on 4/3. The attendees were very enthusiastic in their interest in bees. Southern States (Alexandria) has been selling beekeeping supplies for a couple years, and provide a quick local source for supplies.
5. **Committee Reports**
   1. **Club Extractors (Carl Knockelmann)**: Both extractors are available.
   2. American Foul Brood Detection Kit? Still on backorder.
   3. **Beyond Beekeeping School**, Saturday, April 29th, 9:00 to 4:30, check in begins at 8:30. Phil Craft is the speaker. Cost is $15 for members, $20 for non-members. $5 for children 12 and under. Includes lunch with Q&A during lunch. Located at the Boone County Enrichment Center lower level.

Please help us make this a successful school. We have registration forms here tonight for bee school. Take a flyer - help post them around (library, coffee shop, businesses, etc). Share our FB event. This worked well for our Feb. school. We need volunteers to help with this event. Rhonda has prepared sign-up sheets with specific items that we need help with. Please sign-up and help support our club.

* 1. **July 11: Boone County: Field Event and Hive visit.**

Need some volunteers for this event to ensure plenty of hands-on opportunities and great experiences at 6 stations. Rhonda has prepared a signup sheet for the stations.

Station 1, Bees 101, Why bees are important, Queen, worker, drone, Egg, larvae, pupae, lifecycle of bees. Lead - Rhonda?

Station 2, Tools and Equipment, Basic equipment, Protective gear, Deep, Med, Shallows, Choosing hive location , How to light smoker. Lead -?

Station 3, Bees, Where to get them, Package vs Nuc, How to install pkg, Feeding. Lead - ?

Station 4, Live demo of opening hive, Identifying brood, etc---- Stacie Meyer and ?

Station 5, Major Pests & Diseases & how to deal w them, SHB, VM, Wax moths. Lead --?

Station 6, Harvesting honey! "Demo" of equipment & technique. Honey samples. Lead - Carl?

1. **Old Business** – None discussed
2. **New Business** – None discussed
3. **Adjournment:** The next meeting will be May 2nd at the Campbell County Extension Center. **Dr. Tammy Horn Potter, KY State Apiarist,** will come and speak on bee issues in KY.
4. Educational presentation for the meeting was**: “Different types of pollinating plants/trees”.** At tonight's meeting, Gina Ligon from the Boone Co Extension Office taught us about trees, perennials, annuals & herbs that are good sources of nectar & pollen. Featured in her talk was the 2017 Perennial of the Year - Asclepias tuberosa (Butterfly Weed) - an excellent native plant known for its ability to support insects & birds & serve as the primary caterpillar food for a beloved North American native butterfly. Beautiful!

**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, Carl Knochelmann
* Feb 25Saturday: Boone County Extension Center: Annual Bee School
* March 7: Campbell County: Hive Installation/different types of hives (Langstroth, top bar hive, etc.) and location/placement of hive, Mike Janicki
* 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 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