# Northern Kentucky Bee Keepers Association

**Monthly Meeting Notes**

## Tuesday June 6, 2017 – 6:30pm

**Boone County Extension Office**

**39 people in attendance**

1. **President’s report (Tom Spille)**
   1. Welcomed several 1st time visitors and three new members: John McMillen, Ron and Joanna Zembrodt and Juan Hiraldo.
   2. The meeting was very short, just basic into, meet new people and mention July's meeting. Deborah Buttler? is going to help in July with the hive pest section. Rhonda is contacting the rest of the presenters. It was mentioned to bring our remaining catalogs to distribute as well as any extra bee suits to share with those new people who don't have any yet.
   3. Then we turned the floor over to Keith Crigger to discuss hive management - very informative.
   4. After his 30 minutes of powerpoint and Q&A, Lori Crigger took the floor with many samples of treats to show what you can do with different types of honey. She also had a salad dressing she made with her honey and Ky Olive White Wild Raspberry Balsamic. We all had plenty of samples, some cold, some hot.
2. **Committee Reports**
   1. **Club Extractors**: **see Carl Knockelmann to borrow**
   2. **American Foul Brood Detection Kit** is also now available. **(see Carl Knockelmann to borrow). Note:** we will likely be purchasing a second American Foulbrood detection kit for confirmation purposes, as well as a separate European Foulbrood Detection Kit.
   3. **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. We would like 2 people per station.

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

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

Station 3, Bees, Where to get them, Package vs Nuc, How to install pkg, Feeding. Lead – Kyle Neltner (tentative)

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

Station 5, Major Pests & Diseases & how to deal w them, SHB, VM, Wax moths. Lead – Deborah Butler

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

1. **Old Business** – None discussed
2. **New Business** – None discussed
3. **Adjournment:** The next meeting will be July 11 at the Boone County Nature Center for our Field Day and Hive Visit. See details above.

**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 25: Saturday: 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**
* May 2: Campbell County: **Dr. Tammy Horn, KY State Apiarist** come and speak on bee issues in KY
* June 3: Tentative date for Beyond Beginning Beekeeping School with Phil Craft at Boone County Enrichment Center
* 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 on Varoa mite sampling and VM test kit prep, 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