# Northern Kentucky Beekeepers Association

**Monthly Meeting Notes**

## Tuesday Oct 2, 2018 – 6:30 pm

**Boone County Extension Enrichment Center**

**60 people in attendance**

1. **President’s report (Tom Spille)**
	1. Opened with Pledge of Allegiance.
	2. I want to thank Mary Ann Schultz, and Caroline & Mike Janicki for bringing refreshments for our meetings this year & everyone else who pitched in this year- we can’t do it alone and we’ve had tremendous response whenever we’ve needed someone to step up.
	3. Tonight, is our **Harvest Social with Guest Speakers Keith and Lori Crigger of Crigger Honey**, Honey Tasting and fun facts.
	4. Katie Paytes will be taking final orders for t-shirts at tonight’s meeting. Because of the large order we were able to get cost down to about $6 each, and to make simple we’re charging $5. The club will cover rest.
	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)**

(Rhonda was waiting on chicken order which apparently was misplaced by Krogers. Good news is they gave it to us for free plus a $50 gift card at Krogers which we’ll use for our future bee school food purchase.)

1. **Treasurer's Report (Tonia Spille)**
2. We had $4,735 in our Treasury, prior to this meeting.
3. **Secretary's Report (John Meier)**
4. We finished the year with 110 members/families. That’s a 28% increase over last year’s membership, which was our previous club record.
5. **Committee reports**
6. **Club equipment (Carl Knochelmann)**: Lot of use for extractors this year. We have two oxalic acid vaporizers available for use for varroa treatment. Club will be purchasing batteries to use with these also. Remember the club does not supply oxalic acid so you’ll need to purchase your own – not expensive (from bee supply houses).
7. **Field Day committee:** (none)
8. **Community Outreach report:**
	1. Kathy Ackley has stepped up to be our outreach coordinator for speaking and presentation requests. We would forward all requests to Kathy and she can coordinate as needed with speakers and those requesting presentations. Several members have already indicated their willingness to speak on importance of bees and pollinators and beekeeping. If you want to be included let Kathy know.
	2. Joanna Zembrodt presented the idea of having a library of books on bees, beekeeping and related topics. She has agreed to head up the library. Members can donate/lend books or borrow. Joanna will keep track.
9. **Old Business**
10. 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. A detailed report and demo will be presented at the January 8, 2019 meeting. John Meier is working with Mike to update content.
11. **New Business:**
	1. A person called and would like to find a beekeeper - they have land/garden available for someone looking for place to keep hives, on Lakeview Dr. in Union. Contact Rhonda for contact info if you are interested.
	2. The current board will be meeting on Oct. 23 to start planning next year’s agenda. If you have ideas for speakers/topics for future meetings, please send them in and we’ll try to get them added to our schedule. We welcome any other input for improving our club. We also strongly encourage people to step up to the board. Most of current board have been in their positions for three years and are ready to step down. We’ll be taking nominations at the January and February meetings, and voting in new Officers in March.
12. **Adjournment -**The next meeting will be **Jan 8: Campbell County: Board nominations & Bee School planning session, bee order information, mentor program, new web site review, Schedule for 2019**
13. **Presentation by Keith and Lori Crigger of Crigger Farms**, Honey Tasting and fun facts about types of honey, pollen and flowers/trees, and a quiz. A perfect ending to a great year!

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.

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

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