

Northern Kentucky Beekeepers Association
Monthly Meeting Notes

Tuesday Jan. 8, 2019 – 6:30 pm
Campbell County Extension Office

51 people in attendance

1. President's report (Tom Spille)

- a. Opened with Pledge of Allegiance.
- b. Welcomed two new attendees: Chris Williams and Andy Long (from Ontario).
- c. Schoolhouse Bees is looking to offer a group discount to our members on our purchases there, including bees. Hope to have this info soon.
- d. Carolyn & Mike Janicki will not be able to bring refreshments for our meetings this year in Boone County. We wish to thank them for the many years of service to the club. We're looking for someone to step up for this task? (No one has volunteered yet. Hopefully someone will volunteer yet by next meeting in Boone County.)
- e. Katie Paytes is here with the t-shirt order for those who have not received them yet. See Katie at the break. We may have extras for those who didn't get an opportunity to place an order. They are \$5 each.
- f. The 2019 Beekeeping 101 School is scheduled for 2/9/19. We have decided not to do an Intermediate 201 school this year and will be having those every other year. We do have a couple of other training options in the works, including a queen-rearing workshop and possibly a field trip to Kelley Beekeeping for their Field Day. Our Field Day is scheduled for June 4. See 2019 Calendar at end of notes for more details on what we have planned. A few items still need to be finalized.

2. Vice President's Report (Rhonda Hampton)

- a. We have some volunteers lined up tentatively to manage stations at Field Day but we would like someone to coordinate the Field Day event. Katie Paytes and Kathy Ackley volunteered to take this on. Thanks Katie and Kathy.
- b. Rhonda encouraged members to take pictures at events and send to her to post on Facebook, but cautioned about avoiding kids' faces as this can be a sensitive issue.
- c. The 101 bee school is coming up soon. And she'll be looking for volunteers to help. She encouraged members to attend and help answer questions from attendees. We had 135 people at last year's event. We'll need volunteers to help with registration and bring desserts too.

3. Treasurer's Report (Tonia Spille)

- a. We had \$3,153 in our Treasury prior to this meeting. Come see me at the break to pay your dues and pay your t-shirt order.

4. Secretary's Report (John Meier)

- a. Be sure to sign the attendance sheet and check accuracy of your contact information at the meeting. We count attendance for borrowing the extractor (at least meeting and paid member by April meeting) and for getting on the swarm list (3 meetings in previous 12 months and paid member). Swarm list starts over every Jan. 1 so let me know or indicate on attendance sheet if you want to be put on AND what counties. Swarm list is finalized for 2019 at the April Meeting.

5. Committee reports

- a. **Club equipment (Carl Knochelmann):** Lot of use for extractors last 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). We also have two American Foulbrood test kits available to borrow.
- b. **Field Day committee:** (see VP Report above)
- c. **Community Outreach:** Kathy Ackley is our club's outreach coordinator. Let Kathy know about any requests for talks and other events. Several members are on the outreach list, but we could use more so let Kathy know if you're willing to help. The Zembrodts helped with an event in Boone County last year and they had over 3,000 people visit their booth. The club has a teaching hive to use and we now have a new projector to show slides and do presentations. Kathy will be keeping track of both of these for outreach purposes.
- d. **Club Library:** Joanna Zembrodt has agreed to maintain a club library of books on bees, beekeeping and related topics. Members can donate/lend books or borrow. Joanna will keep track, and we'll post a list on our new website.

6. **Old Business:** Mike Creamer will be discussing the work he's been doing to upgrade our new website after the break.

7. New Business:

Rhonda asked if members were interested in getting tree seedlings at the April 2 meeting. Lots of members raised hands. So we'll check on sources. Tonia said the KY Division of Forestry will have them available for give-away on April 22.

We also plan to have some milkweed plants to give away at the April meeting. Great for feeding monarch and other butterflies and growing new butterfly chrysalises. John Meier will start plants from Rhonda's milkweed seeds.

Will try to get a club discount on ordering bees from Schoolhouse Bees. Will try to get a group order together. Polled those present about rough numbers so far. Tally: 8 nucs; 22 pkgs

8. **2019 Elections**, taking office at March meeting, nominate in January and February, vote in February

Current officers:

- President- Tom Spille
- Vice President- Rhonda Hampton

- Treasurer- Tonia Spille
- Secretary- John Meier
- Member at Large- Carl Knochelmann

Not seeking office for 2019: Rhonda and Tonia. Tom thinks at least some current officers should stay to maintain club continuity.

Opened the floor for nominations...

Bruce Raines nominated for VP

Tom Spille also nominated for VP and self-nominated for President

John Meier declined to be Secretary again but self-nominated for Treasurer

Tonia Spille nominated for Treasurer

Carl Knochelmann self-nominated for Member-at-Large

Katie Paytes nominated for Secretary

Rhonda Hampton volunteered to continue to maintain our Facebook page.

Mike Creamer agreed to maintain our website

9. **Adjournment** -The next meeting will be **Feb. 5: Boone County Extension Office: Elections. Installing a Package of Bees, and Nuc Management** presented by member **Jason Weidig**.

10. **Presentation by Mike Creamer, New Website review**

All agreed that Mike has done a fantastic job. He went over a few pros and cons about new vs old. Some highlights:

- He's still looking into how we might share information among members (phone numbers, emails, but not accessible to those outside the club). He's looking at a discussion forum and other possibilities.
- He did not favor taking orders via credit card, other mechanisms (e.g. for intermediate bee school) – too much vulnerability to hackers, security expensive, not worth it. Everyone seemed in agreement.
- Website address remains the same: www.nkybeekeepers.com

Mike used the new projector and was able to hook up to the internet from his laptop for presentation. Awesome talk. Awesome projector.

2019 Calendar:

***Meetings held on 1st Tuesday of the month unless noted and schedule/topics subject to change**

- Jan 8: Campbell County Extension Center: **Board nominations & Bee School planning session, KSBA, bee order information, mentor program, new web site demo – Mike Creamer, Facebook, Schedule for 2018**

- Feb 5: Boone County Extension Center: Elections & Bees- **Elections. Installing a Package of Bees, and Nuc Management** – Jason Weidig
- Feb 9 Saturday: Boone County Enrichment Center, Lower Level, Annual Free **Introduction to Beekeeping 101**, 9 to 2 Planned presenters /topics – Basic Bee Biology including buzzwords (Tonia); Beekeeping basics, equipment, packages/nucs, hive maintenance (Jim Coss); Pest issues and treatments (Kathy Ackley)
- March 5: Campbell County Extension Center: **Catching swarms – Mike Creamer; capture boxes and swarm baits – Ron and Joanna Zembrodt; swarms in structures – John Telek and Carl Knochelmann.**
- April 2: Boone County Enrichment Center, Lower Level: **Different types of pollinating plants/trees - Shannon Trimboli**, Free milkweed seedlings. Free tree seedlings (tentative)
- May 7: Campbell County Extension Center: **Dr. Tammy Potter, KY State Apiarist Beekeeping issues in KY**
- June 4: Boone County: **Field Event and Hive visit - 7pm** - Location TBD - possibly Danny Gottmann hives - NKYBA members to teach “Stations”, Hive (3), Teaching Hive with Oxalic acid demo, Varroa Sugar Roll, Pests. Possible presenters: Deborah Butler, Dan Gottmann, others
- July 2: Campbell County Extension Center: **Q&A on general beekeeping and honey extraction – Carl Knochelmann**
- August 13: Boone County Enrichment Center, Lower Level: **Varroa Testing / alcohol test and demo** – instructor TBD (club or SWOBA), John McMillan to provide ball jar/screen testers (Rhonda to call presenters)
- September 3: Campbell County Extension Center: **Winterizing Your Hive and Varroa Mite Oxalic Acid treatment.** instructor TBD (Carl Knochelmann or SWOBA)
- October 1: Boone County Enrichment Center, Lower Level: **Harvest Social - Harvest Social and Wax Processing and Ideas – Joanna Zembrodt** 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.

Tentative Additional Training events:

Kelley's Field day - June 8th? group caravan to 807 W. Main Street, Clarkson, KY 42726

Queen Rearing class – members only, date and location TBD

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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