

**Northern Kentucky Bee Keepers Association**  
**MONTHLY MEETING NOTES**

**Tuesday Feb 2, 2021 – 6:30pm**

**Location: Online Meeting**

**Approximately 25 in attendance (Exact count difficult. Multiple people may attend via single device)**

**1) President's Report – (Kathy Ackley)**

- a. The March meeting will cover how to perform a hive inspection. Katie Paytes will be the presenter.
- b. The club is looking for volunteers for 2021 educational topics. Does anyone want to volunteer to present in April or any of the months after that?
- c. We are hoping to resume in person meetings in April, possibly outside. Details will be announced when they become available.
- d. Four people volunteered to help NKU start a beekeepers club (Katie Paytes, Pete Montoure Meg Stephenson, and Kathy Ackley). If anyone else wants to help, let Katie or Kathy know. Club member Meg Stephenson is serving as the contact between the club and NKU.
- d. We want to thank Tom McDonald for his presentation at the last meeting on 2 frame nucs. Tom provided instructions for how to build these, and those are now available on the club website.

**2) Vice -President's Report— (Tom Studer) - No report since Tom was just elected at this meeting.**

**3) Treasurer's Report-** check book balance \$ 5,753.65  
 The club recently purchased a Zoom account for \$158.89.

**4) Secretary's Report-**

**Reminder from last meeting:** How the club is handling 2021 Club Membership Dues – Collection of dues in the pandemic is problematic. The club is set up only to handle cash or check. A mechanism for transferring funds electronically is not in place. The board made the following decision: Any member that has paid club dues in two of the last three calendar years does not need to pay 2021 dues and will still be considered a member in good standing and entitled to club benefits (equipment usage, swarm list, etc.). Any member who has *not* paid dues in 2 of the last 3 years and does *not* intend to borrow equipment does not need to pay dues in 2021. New members or current members who have not paid dues in 2 of the last 3 years who intend to borrow equipment need to pay the \$10 club dues to the treasurer.

**5) Committee reports**

**a. Club equipment: Carl Knochelmann** – The club has an electric extractor and a mechanical extractor available for club members to borrow. The electric extractor was disassembled and reassembled during an extraction operation, and a mounting bracket is now missing. The mechanical extractor also needs repairs. Carl is working to get quotes for parts, repairs, and a new extractor. Since the club has grown, an additional extractor may need to be purchased later in the year. The club currently has sufficient funds for this.

**b. Community Outreach report:**

- Gallatin County Earth Day is Saturday April 24 in Warsaw. None of the club members volunteered due to safety concerns around the pandemic. Tom Spille suggested referring the event organizers to the Grant County beekeeping association, and this was done after the meeting.
- The Dayton Community Garden is having a Mother's Day plant sale. Ginger Roether will be representing the club.

**c. Facebook update Rhonda Hampton – No updates**

**d. Website update Mike Creamer – Meeting dates were updated, and the list of instructions for building 2 frame nuc boxes was added to the website.**

**e. Librarian Joanna Zembrodt – No updates****6) Old Business****a. Officer nominations from last meeting:**

- President- Kathy Ackley
- Vice President- Open
- Treasurer- Chris Williams
- Secretary- Katie Paytes
- Member at Large- Carl Knochelmann

**7) New Business****a. The following people were elected as club officers for 2021.**

- President- Kathy Ackley
- Vice President- Tom Studer
- Treasurer- Chris Williams
- Secretary- Katie Paytes
- Member at Large- Carl Knochelmann

**8) Education – Pete Montoure gave a presentation on how to purchase and install packages and nucs.**