

Northern Kentucky Bee Keepers Association
MONTHLY MEETING NOTES

Tuesday March 2, 2021 – 6:30pm

Location: Online Meeting

Approximately 29 in attendance (Exact count difficult. Multiple people may attend via single device)

1) President's Report – (Kathy Ackley)

- a. We are hoping to hold an in person meeting in April at the Boone County extension office parking lot. Kathy has been in touch with the extension office. Details will be announced via email and Facebook when they become available.
- b. The club is looking for volunteers for 2021 educational topics. One topic suggested is allergic reactions of people and pets to bee stings. The club will seek a vet and allergist to speak on this topic.

2) Vice -President's Report— (Tom Studer) –

- a. Tom attended the virtual meeting of the Kentucky State Beekeepers Association Board and reported back to the club. Many clubs, like ours, are cancelling bee schools and scaling back meetings due to Covid restrictions. KSBA is planning on a spring school and is still working to identify speakers.
- b. Club members are encouraged to review and respond to comments placed on the club's Facebook page.

3) Treasurer's Report- (Chris Williams) check book balance \$ 5,594.76

- a. The club will be issuing a reimbursement check for \$435.98 to the club member paying the web hosting fees and web domain registration fees. This expense covers two years of fees.
- b. A club member asked how the club spends funds. Some of the club expenses include: snacks for meetings (when we had in person meetings), hosting a web site, paying invited guest speakers, purchasing/maintaining extraction equipment, and hosting beekeeping schools.

4) Secretary's Report- (Katie Paytes)

- a. Meeting notes from each meeting will be posted on the website. We will try to make these available about a week after the meeting.
- b. **Reminder from previous meetings regarding 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 as well as oxalic acid vaporizers and foul brood test kits. The electric extractor was disassembled and reassembled during an extraction operation by a member and a mounting bracket is now missing. A replacement bracket costs approximately \$20. The electric motor on the motorized extractor is damaged and needs to either be repaired or replaced. A new motor will cost \$606. Carl is trying to get parts to repair the motor himself if possible or will look to a local motor repair shop. The mechanical extractor also needs some minor repairs that can be done if the parts are available. If we decide to buy a new extractor, a mechanical extractor is \$920 and a new motorized extractor is \$1241.25, both plus tax and shipping if we do not pick it up.

b. Community Outreach report: 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 notes from the last meeting were added to the site, and the calendar was updated.

e. Librarian Joanna Zembrodt – No updates

6) Old Business

The club is working with NKU to start a beekeeping club. A faculty sponsor was identified along with a site for the hives. (Thank you to Pete Montoure for helping with site selection.) Bob Padgett suggested that Shannon Trimboli be contacted to see if she can help as well.

7) New Business

An organic farm in Clermont County Ohio is offering to host bee hives for anyone who wants to place their hives there. If anyone is interested in this opportunity, please contact Katie Paytes. Her email is on the club website.

8) Education – Katie Paytes gave a presentation on how to perform hive inspections.