

Mountain Empire Beekeepers Association

Minutes

DRAFT August 26, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mickey Cunningham at the Pioneer Church located at 615 Max Meadows Rd. Max Meadows, Va 24360. 16 members were present.

**Minutes and Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve minutes—Gary Tolley, seconded by Hank Sturkie. Minutes approved. The treasurers report was given by Gary Tolley. The report was filed for audit.

**Speaker:** Mickey Cunningham

**Presentation:** Care for Nucs

**Old Business:**

- Tim Service has laying queens available now. There may be a waiting list. His contact information is: [canoemaker@centurylink.net](mailto:canoemaker@centurylink.net) 276-952-5077
- Mickey Cunningham encourages all beekeepers with 3 or more years of experience to help mentor others.
- Patty Younger has offered her church, Pioneer church in Max Meadows, as a meeting place for MEBA until Wytheville Community College is available again. (Thank you Patty!)
- Blue Ridge Bee Supply in Mt. Airy will melt and strain your bees wax. You need to wash it first. There is a charge per pound. <https://www.blueridgebeesupply.com/contact-us/> (336) 719-7878 270 Hickory Street, Suite 200 Mount Airy, NC 27030 [blueridgebeesupply@yahoo.com](mailto:blueridgebeesupply@yahoo.com)
- You can pay for your Virginia State Beekeepers Association Dues by going to their website. Sign up online (<https://www.virginiabeekeepers.org/join-us> or print this form

<https://www.virginiabeekeepers.org/resources/Documents/printable%20membership%20form.pdf>

and send via USPS mail to:

Ian Henry 5771 Hilltop Street Crozet, VA 22932

- One year from the date that you pay is your membership for the Virginia State Beekeepers Association.

**New Business:**

- Congratulations to Renee Lutz for winning Best in Show at the Grayson County Agricultural Fair!
- Information about the Grayson County Agricultural Fair was printed in the August 11, 2021 and August 20, 2021 Gazette Newspaper, as well as the August 11, 2021 newspaper, the Declaration.
- The Carroll County Fair will be August 25-29.
- There will be a Honey Show at the Washington County Fair September 13, 2021.
- The price of honey has gone up from \$5.00 per pound to \$10.00 per pound.
- Fred Williams will be bringing his fish scale to our next meeting to demonstrate how he uses it to weigh his honey in the hive for winter.
- Beecheck.org BeeCheck is a voluntary communication tool that enables beekeepers and pesticide applicators to work together to protect apiaries through use of the BeeCheck mapping program. It is not a substitute for any state regulatory requirements.

**Hive Report: What Should You Be Doing with Your Hives?**

Check for Mites & treat when necessary

Replace bad queens

Check your batteries for your electric fence

Look out for Small Hive Beetles –SHB

**Bees in The News:**

No Bees in the news.

**Raffle Winners:**

No raffle

**Next Meeting:** September 23, 2021 6:30 p.m.\_Pioneer Church located at 615 Max Meadows Road  
Max Meadows, VA 24360.

**Adjourned** at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Armentrout, MEBA Secretary