

Mountain Empire Beekeepers Association

Minutes

September 22, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Anthony Ellis, MEBA President at Wytheville Community College, Smyth Hall room 122. 19 members were present.

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes by Hank Sturkie, and was 2nd by Drew White.

Speaker: Hank Sturkie

Presentation: Winterization

Old Business:

- The Fall Virginia State Beekeepers Association meeting will be held November 4th and 5th at Blue Ridge Community College in Weyers Cave, Virginia. <https://www.virginiabeekeepers.org/VSBA-MEETING>
- David "Tator" Miller is buying popular lumber. He uses this lumber to make hive boxes for beekeepers. His phone number is (276) 608-6225.
- Karén Avetisyan, Ph.D. of Bee and Comb, LLC in Durham, North Carolina is offering **free shipping** on orders more than \$50.00. *Also, when sent to **Virginia is tax-free**.
<https://www.beekeepingservices.com/>
- MEBA is still in need of a librarian. Please let us know should you be interested.
- Mike Barbour with Bee Club Sales will sell woodenware to MEBA club members at a discount. Just let them know that you are a member. <https://www.beeclubsales.com/#/> - Email: Mike@Beeclubsales.com
- Appalachian Bee in Princeton, West Virginia can be found here:
<https://blueridgebeecompany.com/about/> Their catalog can be downloaded as well.
- Wilbanks Apiaries does not ship packages anymore, but will ship queens. [\(912\) 739-4820](tel:9127394820) 3060 US-280, Claxton, GA 30417

New Business:

- A motion was made by Cathy Hounshell and seconded by Drew White to change the dues year. Dues will be prorated in the fall. Bee class members will be good on dues the year they take the class. The year for dues will run from January 1 to December 31. Dues for MEBA will be \$11.00.
- Cathy Hounshell can provide magnetic nametags for \$9.00. Let her know if you want one.
- The Bee Class will run February 28-March 28, 2023. April 4 will be a makeup should there be any inclement weather.
- On The Farm - Legacy Creek Farm Festival 638 Old Baywood Road Galax, VA October 15-16, 22-23, 29-30 - They have invited us to come and be a vendor to sell our honey. <https://legacycreekevents.com/>

Raffle Winners:

Large cherry wood woodenware bread box from a 94-year-old tree – Cathy Hounshell

Candy board screen – Cathy Hounshell

Candy board screen – Diane Woodford

Anti-Robbing screen – Jeff Sexton

2 Deep Hive frames – Diane Woodford

Magazines – Vicky Linkous

Next meeting: Thursday October 27, 2022 at Wytheville Community College in Smyth Hall room 122.

Adjourned: at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Armentrout, MEBA Secretary