

Mountain Empire Beekeepers Association

Minutes

November 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Anthony Ellis, MEBA President at Wytheville Community College, in Smyth Hall room 122. 13 members were present.

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

Speaker: Anthony Ellis

Presentation: You Tube video - Oxalic Drip

Old Business:

- 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
- 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.

New Business:

- The Bee Class will run February 28-March 28, 2023. April 4 will be a makeup should there be any inclement weather.
- A motion was made by Connie Armentrout to send notice to everyone on the MEBA email list asking people to attend the January meeting. The email list will be clearing out people who have not been active. If you want to continue receiving MEBA emails, you can let Connie Armentrout know at the January meeting. Mickey Cunningham seconded the motion.

- The trifold needs to be redone. Wytheville Word Print may have the original. We need members to submit pictures of people extracting, going into their hives or food service with honey. Pictures of flowers, shrubs or trees that bees like are also needed too.
- Mickey Cunningham will be checking into special group pricing on beekeepers' jackets with Karén Avetisyan of Bee and Comb in Durham, North Carolina.
- Bee Barn of Paducka, Kentucky has good prices for jackets and veils
<https://beebarnshop.com/shop/ols/products/comfort-pro-jacket-veil>
- **Sugar Block Recipe** – Mickey Cunningham
10 lbs. sugar, pinch of mineral salt, 1 cup water, 1 tbsp. Honey Bee Healthy
Mix all ingredients in a 5 gallon bucket.

Raffle Winners:

MEBA hat – Karen Harvey

Nuc box anti-robbing/entrance reducer – Connie Armentrout

Mouse guard/entrance reducer – Darlene Lockard

Website directory – Diane Woodford

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Small hive beetle entrance trap by Red Guardian <https://www.yourbeestore.com/store/Guardian-Hive-Beetle-Entrance-p185108334> - Jim Harvey

5 frame plastic inserts – Fred Williams

8 frame candy board – Jonathon Wright

10 frame candy board – Karen Harvey

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Homemade enter winter cover with insulator – Diane Woodford

Mystery box sugar block (10 to 11 days feed) – Darlene Lockard

Next meeting: Thursday January 26, 2023 at Wytheville Community College in Smyth Hall room 122.

Adjourned: at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Armentrout, MEBA Secretary