

Mountain Empire Beekeepers Association

Minutes

October 27, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Anthony Ellis, MEBA President at Wytheville Community College, Carroll Hall room 118. 17 members were present.

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

Speaker: Anthony Ellis

Presentation: Due to technical difficulties, the presentation on Oxalic Dribble was postponed.

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
- 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.
- Bee Informed with Oregon State University launched a campaign for research October 24-November 7. A motion was made by Mickey Cunningham proposing that MEBA donate \$100.00 toward this research. Tom Lavelle seconded the motion.
- The Bee Hive Distribution Program deadline is midnight October 28, 2022.
- The fall VSBA meeting will be at the Blue Ridge Community College November 4-5, 2022.
- A motion was made by Connie Armentrout for MEBA to reimburse Mickey Cunningham for the cost of a candy board screen and anti-robbing screen which he made for the raffle. Darlene Lockard seconded the motion.

Raffle Winners:

10 Frames with black plastic – Johnathon Wright

1 Deep woodenware brood box – Joe Turpin

Candy bar screen – Connie Armentrout

Candy bar screen – Diane Woodford

Rolling pin with honey hexagon pattern for cookies – Tom Lavelle

Skep Cake Pan – Jeff Sexton

Cake Pan with multiple hexagon patterns- Jeff Sexton

Pink Cleome Seeds (Flowers recommended for Bees) – Darlene Lockard

Next meeting: Thursday **November 17, 2022** at Wytheville Community College in **Smyth Hall room 122**. **This is the 3rd Thursday due to Thanksgiving being on the fourth Thursday.**

Adjourned: at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Armentrout, MEBA Secretary