

Mountain Empire Beekeepers Association

Minutes

July 27, 2023

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. 24 members were present.

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

Presenter: Phil Blevins, Extension Agent Agriculture (Anthony Ellis presented Phil's presentation)

Presentation: Fall and Winter Management of Honeybees

Old Business:

- 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 needed as well.
- Fred Jones from Pilot, Virginia bought Tim Service's queen rearing business. He will have queens available. His phone number is (540) 745-2982.
- "Tator" David Miller of Abingdon, Virginia is still buying wood to make woodenware bee supplies. He can be reached at 25155 Walden Road Abingdon, VA 24210. His phone number is (276) 608-6225.
- An observation hive given to MEBA from S & W was painted beautifully by Denise Sturkie. We thank her very much for the amazing work she did.

New Business:

- Cathy Hounshell has asked committees to be formed to help the president. She proposes a revamp of the constitution and bylaws. Hank Sturkie has suggested that some ideas for committees be mailed out to members. Some ideas that floated around about the committees were educational committee, publishing or public relations committee, nominating committee etc...
- Instructions for the Dyce Method for making creamed honey:
Blend the honey to the desired color, flavor and moisture content. 2. Pasteurize the honey you wish to crystallize by first heating the honey to 120 °F, then strain it to remove large impurities, especially wax particles. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kVUgwfMct9o>
- Bee Cozy - <https://nodglobal.com/bee-cozy/> These slide on and off to help with windbreak.
- Winterization presentation from September 2022 by Hank Sturkie will be put on the MEBA website. Helpful information about candy board can be found in this presentation. It will be attached to the MEBA meeting reminder email as well.

Raffle Winners:

No Raffle

Next meeting: Thursday July 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at Wytheville Community College in Smyth Hall room 122.

Adjourned: at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Armentrout, MEBA Secretary