

Tri-State Beekeepers Association  
09.19.2024 Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Tri-State Beekeepers was called to order at 6:30 on September 19, 2024, with 44 members in attendance. New members were welcomed.

Members who have participated in maintaining the courtyard housing the Mansion hive at Wilson Lodge were again thanked for their help in providing a well groomed setting for the hive. The colony continues to thrive and were treated with Formic Pro in the second week of August. The two hives located in the Good Zoo also are very strong. While they continue to produce adequate amounts of honey, none is taken off in an attempt to insure adequate stores for the winter.

Plans for the Beekeeping 102 seminar to be held on this coming Saturday, September 21 were discussed and with spots still available, those interested were invited to register.

The pending WVBA 2024 Fall conference to be held at Battlers Knob in Philippi, WV on Friday/Saturday, October 5-6 was described. Keynote speakers include Dr. Jim Tew and Steve Repasky with 15 breakout sessions and 9 vendors participating in the event. Registration is still open and Tri-State members were strongly encouraged to attend.

John Welty then presented his monthly summary of what beekeepers should be doing at this time in preparation for the winter.

Members were again informed of the upcoming Bee Prepared Seminar to be held by the Monroe County Beekeepers on September 28 in Woodsfield, Ohio. As more information becomes available, it will be sent on to members.

A request was again made, asking for a member to step forward to assume the role of Tri-State President as Steve Roth's 15-year term ends in November. Roles of the president were outlined and an offer to collaborate with any interested party was extended.

The schedule of events for the remaining meetings in 2024 was outlined to include:

- October 17 meeting hosting a Zoom presentation by Anne Frey of Betterbee speaking on All of the Mistakes That We Make as Beekeepers
- October 25-26 OSBA Conference
- November 21 meeting with Shanda King, WV Chief Apiary Inspector speaking on honey production.

The program was concluded with a live presentation by Joe Kovaleski of Steubenville on Honeycomb Management and the traditional social that followed with the meeting adjourning at 8:30 pm.