

Tri-State Beekeepers Association
3-20-2025 Meeting Minutes

The Monthly meeting of the Tri-State Beekeepers Association was called to order at approximately 6:10 pm on March 20, 2025. The Pledge of Allegiance led by new President Clark Crumrine. Present members 51 attendance. Annual 2025 dues were collected at the door by John Welty and Wayne Shook.

Minutes from Feb 2025 meeting were not available at the time of tonight meeting, minutes will be retained and presented at April 2025 meeting. If anyone would like to see a copy of the minutes contact John Welty.

Treasurer Report: A summary of 2024 to present available at the time of tonight meeting, reported and explained to general meeting by John Welty . If anyone that would like to receive a copy contact John Welty

A summary of the proceedings of the events over the last few months were given by Clark:

The Novice Class will be completed on March 26, 2025. Congratulations to all the new beekeepers! Bee Packages will be in soon, those interested and/or purchased a Bee package need to contact Clark, Steve or John very soon. Ordering of NUCS: via association approximately \$157, Bedillion Honey Farms, PA. Delivery to be announced. The creation of committees to help check out the sign in sheets. Remember to register your apiary or hives in your respective states. Wilson lodge and Good Zoo hives. We've partnered with the Northern Panhandle Conservation District to establish an apiary at their McMechen office for education and hands-on training. Gonna "Bee" exciting to see in the future.

John Welty spoke about the Betterment of our bees and what is going on with our hives:

Finish fixing or ordering woodenware. Doing OAV treatments either vapor or extended method as we have little to no capped brood. Sugar feeds both winter and liquid feed as the weather is becoming warmer and pollen patties in a few weeks. Feed your bees. Getting Swarm traps ready is great idea!

Dena, WV representative from Hives for Heroes gave a brief talk about the program and stayed to answer questions from members interested in this wonderful program for our Veterans and First Responders. Thank you

Dave Solonokia presentation on the DeMarre Method with hands on "" it was Awesome !! Great way to see the Method demonstrated with visual aids, the hives!! NO BEES!! He answered tons of questions from all levels of beekeepers present tonight. Thank you

Bee Buzz Bowl was a huge success, prizes for most who participated !!

50/50 was won by Jason Kokosinski

The meeting adjourned at approximately 815PM.

Submitted by :