

Tri-State Beekeepers Association
10.17.2024 Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Tri-State Beekeepers was called to order at 6:30 on October 17, 2024, with 28 members in attendance. No new members were present.

A summary of the proceedings of the 2024 WVBA Fall Conference was given, reporting that keynote talks were given by Dr. Jim Tew and Steve Repasky with 156 in attendance. In addition, 15 workshops were presented and 9 vendors were present. At the conference, member Betty Hamilton passed the Master Beekeeping Apprentice level and Treasurer John Welty was awarded his white hat, completing the American Honey Show Training Council and achieving the status of certified judge. Also attaining that level was Amy Kaiser of the Marion County Beekeepers. John and Amy are currently the only 2 certified honey judges in the state. Congratulations go out to Betty and John.

John Welty then presented his monthly summary of what beekeepers should be doing at this time in preparation for the winter, stressing the need for adequate honey stores and mouse management.

In response to a request asking for a member to step forward to assume the role of Tri-State President, member Clark Crumrine stepped up to assume the role. Steve has begun to educate Clark in the role and will turn over the office at the November monthly meeting.

Member John Welty suggested that the club purchase a projector to be housed at the Zoo, eliminating the need for someone to bring a unit for each meeting. Member Clark Crumrine offered to donate an extra projector that he possesses.

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

- October 25-26 OSBA Conference
- November 21 meeting with Shanda King, WV Chief Apiary Inspector speaking on honey production.

We were then treated to a very entertaining talk given by Anne Frye of Betterbee on numerous mistakes that beekeepers make. Ms. Frye asked about episodes that we have experienced, and numerous incidents were reported. Following her presentation we have agreed to document such happenings in the future to be compiled for a monthly meeting at a future date.

Following the customary social hour, the program concluded at 9:05 pm.