

Tri-County Beekeepers April 2025 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes and Treasures reports read and approved.

Old Business:

Packages from Glenn should be here on April 12th at Tom's. Krissy will send out emails with details.

Some Old Old Business: Krissy still has some Club T-shirts to be picked up.

New Business:

Fresh Acre Farm and Pumpkin Patch is looking for someone to demonstrate. They are located in St. Michael, Craig has volunteered.

Presentation on hiving a package given by Craig. Take a single deep, remove half of the frames, leaving the middle open. Shake bees to the bottom of container before removing lid. Remove queen and place her in a warm location. If it is over 60 degrees out, you can spray the package bees with sugar water to help prevent flying away. Shake, beat the bees out of package into middle of the deep, gently put the frames back into the deep. Remove queen from warm location and remove cork and replace with mini marshmallow in opening of queen box, insert cage between frames. Check for queen release 3-5 days later. Only look for release and close up the hive.

One suggestion given for if the queen flies away is to leave the hive open and the bees will fly around and might entice the queen back.

An option if it is cooler, you could warm the hive up in the house, or by warming syrup to 80 degrees before putting it into the hive.

GloryBee – our honey stick provider, will be doing another price increase this year. Looking for options.

The U of M Bee Squad Mentoring Apiary, Krissy will email out link and add it to the website. Begins April 13th, \$30 per class.

For Sale/Wanted:

Dave is selling maple syrup and plastic queen excluders.

There is an apiary going up for auction McMullen Auctions 218-681-3960.

Next meeting May 6th. Paul will be doing demo.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.