

## Tri-County Beekeepers March 2025 Minutes

Meeting Called to order 7:00p.m.

Minutes and Treasures reports read and approved.

### Old Business

Still honey straws available. Donating 2 bags to the Church. Keeping rest for 2025 Fair.

Reminder for everyone to renew membership.

### New Business

Wayne and Cindy demonstrating splits.

Move brood over to new box, separate old and new box with queen excluder – leave overnight. Nurse bees will climb to brood. Move box about 3' away. Now have 3 choices:

1. Purchase queen, add, wait 3 days.
2. Put queen cell in new box, wait 5-10 days to see if hatched. Wait to see if you find eggs.
3. Walk away split – in 7 days, look for queen cells.

Do splits in Mid May. Put tall brush in front of hives to force re-orientation of foragers.

Drift watch – you need to register with them to be notified. Put wet sheets over hives when you know spraying will occur.

Dates for the Benton County Fair are July 29, 2025 through August 3, 2025. Start thinking about

volunteering to man the booth. We are still looking for someone to update the background photos.

The club has received two emails -

1. Gal near St. Cloud wants hive.
2. Terry is looking to connect about Flow Hive Super Lifters for Langstroth Hives.

Please contact Krissy for more info or if you can help.

Open discussions:

Please order Bee packages with Glenn. He will also have Italian Queens available until mid May (\$25-30)

Mike, Wayne and Sal will be selling Nucs.

Next meeting April 1<sup>st</sup> (No Fooling!!).

Meeting adjourned 8:04 p.m.