

## **Tri-County Beekeepers June 2025 Minutes**

Meeting called to order 6:59 p.m.

Minutes and Treasurers report read and approved.

Old Business:

Fair Committee. This is our one and only Fundraiser. SignUp Genius will be available between July and August meetings.

New Business:

Thanks to Glenn K. for delivering packages and being here tonight to pick up the boxes.

Dave Nelson looking for beekeeper Aaron Storkamp. His wife uses Bee Venom Therapy.

Open questions and answers:

How long until need to requeen after swarm?

Start looking about 28 days after swarm

Tricks on keeping smoker lit?

Use BBQ pellets, other items used – leaves, hay, grass, cat tails, oak chips

Torch bottom, keep coals

Make sure bottom plate is in smoker to keep fuel off bottom.

When finished, cork off spout, long grass works.

Egg carton sections with pine needles

Restart coals with dry grass

Use green grass to keep sparks down and smoke cooler.

Queen not producing?

Wait 20 days

Could have sterile drones

Boost of brood transferred in will keep laying workers away

Mite treatments?

Do mite checks now – honey supers going on in next few weeks.

Varroasan – new treatment Sal is trying in some of his hives

Formic Pro – watch weather

Can do a OA drip right now – critical to be precise

Hive beetles

¼ shop towel

Shady and sandy areas are conducive to beetles

Strong brood box – if 2-3 frames are empty add a box

Future presentation ideas:

Sam Ramsey, doctorate New mites

Melting/rendering beeswax

If really dirty broodwax, not worth the trouble. Can use to make firestarters.

Email questions or topics for discussion to Krissy before meetings.

Next meeting July 17 p.m.

Amy has volunteered to be Fair Committee Chair again with Lynn, Becky L, Dennis and Adam joining the committee.

Question between GloryBee and Mann Lake for honey sticks. GloryBee will be provider again. Same amount as last year. Motion, voted, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.