

Minutes for April 10, 2018

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Meeting was called to order 6:30 p.m. by Arrie Goodwin at Grandma's Country Cookin' in Hardy, AR.

We had 16 members and 3 guests in attendance.

Rhonda gave opening prayer.

Treasurer Report (Books are open for any member to review) FNBC Checking - \$961.18

Memberships – 32 paid members. Help your club and renew.

Meeting Minutes from March 13, 2018 were accepted as read. All minutes are online to read if you missed a meeting.

Activity Report:

For those that ordered bees through the club, they should be here end of April. Arrie spoke with Myron and after our order is filled, Myron will no longer have any bees to sell for this year.

Sharon McCullar asked that anyone wishing to place their bee products at the Cherokee Village Farmers Market (will be open every Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.), to contact Graycen Bigger @ 870.335.7409

Jacque called and spoke with Hardy City Hall about reserving Loberg Park for our Sept/Oct weekend Pot Luck dinner/meeting (date to be determined). They said it is an open park and no reservations are needed.. It is First come / First Serve as long as there are no special events happening, such as Homesteaders Day and Pow-Wow , which is the first Saturday of October. Other than that, all weekends are open for us because that was the only special event they had on the books at the time Jacque called.

Speaking of Homesteaders Day, we were asked last year to partake in an educational setup. Jacque saw Doris Rose, who helps run the event at Grandmas at the night of our bee club meeting. Doris said the requirements for the events are:

- a) we are NOT allowed to sell anything
- b) We are to dress in period clothing (coveralls would be acceptable)
- c) It is FREE, no charge to set up a booth - just let her know for sure if we are attending, so she can reserve a spot for us.
- d) It is to educate folks on beekeeping, we can have extractor demonstrations, Vernon said he has an Observation Hive, if anyone can explain the making of candles, soap, mead, etc - that'd be great!

Lonnie mentioned this is the time that swarms may occur, so to be watchful and if need be - might be best to do an artificial swarm with your hives. This is done by looking for queen cells and place in a new hive with a frame of brood, honey, pollen.

Bobby Woodward already caught 2 swarms in his area (Jonesboro).

Wasp getting into hives: Treatments mentioned were Banana peels, Brown lunch bag, Moth Balls to detour Wasps.

We have stands in these location to place your Honey Products to sell:

- 1) Grub Hub (formally Wise Cabin Grill) in Hardy
- 2) Rhythm and Brews Restaurant on Main Street in Hardy
- 3) Not Your Momma Bakery in Imboden
- 4) Feed Store in Imboden (Only buys product)

21 April Seminar in IZARD County for Master Gardeners, Guest speaker will be Janet ( did not get last name).

Jacque was asked to add a Discount Listing of Businesses that is offered to the Bee Club. She said she would add something to the site. For now, here are a few that she does know about.

- 1) for Honey Glass Jars  524 West Johnson, Jonesboro, Arkansas, United States (888) 997-2252



- 2) for NUCS - 1148 U.S. 62 | Salem, AR 72576 888-887-4420 normally \$165 - Bee Club \$150



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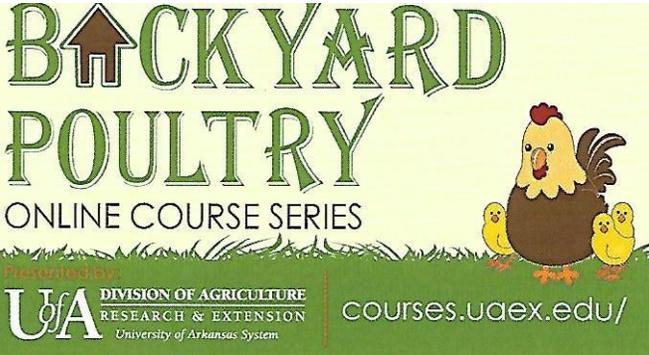
- 3) Has 5 frame nucs for \$130

4) All I can recall off top of my head. Please let me know who else to add.

Remember, we do have a 2-frame Honey Extractor for use that our members can check out. Just let Arrie know when you wish it.

We have Bee Club T-Shirts for sale (\$12.00/each) and we will be ordering Small, Medium, and Extra Large ones. We hope to have by May's meeting. We currently have available Large, 2xx and 3xx tees.

On a non-Bee Issue: If you have chickens, Arrie wanted to share this site for free online classes.



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It was open floor night to chat about anything and folks chattered among themselves across the table and room to each other.

Perfect Bees offers online classes regarding Beekeeping. A good thing to check out. <https://www.perfectbee.com/beekeeping-course/>

Bob Vandergriff has 10 frame pine brood boxes for sell - \$12.50/ set. His number is 870.892.8336.

<b>June 4, 11 &amp; 18, 2018</b>	<b>Mammoth Spring, AR</b>	<b>Complete Beekeeping Short Course</b> <b>Contact the <b>Fulton County Extension Office</b> to register.</b> <b>Download the <b>class details</b>.</b>
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Bee Calendar : Thanks to [UAEX.edu](http://UAEX.edu)

**April**

<b>Bees:</b> <p>Spring is in full swing. Foraging activity and brood production should be in high gear. Crowded hives are likely to swarm. As brood increases, Varroa mite populations may begin to increase. Newly emerged queens will begin mating flights. However, excessively cool and wet weather can keep bees in the hive, depleting their honey stores. Eggs laid during the first part of this month will become the foragers that bring in much of the spring honey crop.</p>	<b>Beekeepers:</b> <p>For strong, established colonies, feeding should cease as the main spring honey flow begins. Examine the hive every 8-10 days for queen cells and swarming activities. If weather is poor for flying, some feeding may still be required to sustain the bees. If weather is good, and flowers are available, you may need to begin adding supers for honey. Remove all medications as directed before honey supers are added. Mail-order package bees and queens will begin to arrive, and should be promptly installed. Splits can be made from strong colonies.</p>
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**May**

<b>Bees:</b> <p>In the hill areas of Arkansas, the spring honey flow will be near its peak toward the end of May. Bees will be foraging constantly and the queen can be laying in excess of 1500 eggs per day. Swarms are still possible if hives become too crowded or honey-bound.</p>	<b>Beekeepers:</b> <p>Some beekeepers will add a queen excluder to prevent brood in the honey supers. Be sure that the queen has sufficient comb for egg-laying. Super all hives as needed. In general, if a honey super is 3/4 full of nectar, you may want to add another. Supers full of capped honey can be left on the hive.</p> <p>Many beekeepers will add new supers below those that are capped, so that bees don't have to travel through to add honey to empty combs. Top-supering is more convenient for the beekeeper, however. While opinions differ, there is no evidence that either method impacts the amount of honey stored.</p>
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**June**

<b>Bees:</b> <p>The bee populations are high, and hive activity is bustling. If the weather is favorable, nectar and pollen will continue to be brought in vigorously.</p>	<b>Beekeepers:</b> <p>Hives should be checked weekly to ensure the colonies are healthy and the queen is laying. Provide adequate room for both brood and honey. Monitor pest populations but avoid chemical treatments before the honey is harvested.</p>
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Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.  
Next Meeting: 08 MAY 2018 @6:30 PM  
Place: Grandma's Country Cookin' in Hardy  
Minutes submitted by Jacque English