

Five Rivers Bee Club Monthly Minutes of July 20, 2021

President, Lonnie Perry open meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Arrie Goodwin gave opening prayer.

We had 36 in attendance: 29 members, guest consisted of 4 adults and 5 children.

Welcome to our newest member Martin Schoenecke of Walnut Ridge, AR.

Bronna Birdsell made motion to accept the June 15, 2021 minutes as posted, William Kaebler seconded, all approved.

Jacque English gave treasurer report. We currently have \$869.98 in our FNBC checking account. (all books are open to the members)

Sarah and Kyle Carriger passed around the sign in sheet for the HOME VIST at their place this Saturday, July 24th at 39 Birdsong Rd Evening Shade AR 72532 * Sharp County * 832.530.8943 * beginning at 10:30 A.M.

John Frazier told us of the bears that cane through his place in Glencoe AR and destroyed some of his hives. I, Jacque, said I may know of a person who can come and relocate the bear(s) rather than killing them. I could not find his number, but found this link <https://www.linkedin.com/in/dennis-black-hawk-bb8bb138> and <https://www.quora.com/profile/Dennis-Blackhawk>. Hope this helps.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2021 FALL ABA CONFERENCE



The ABA will be returning to scenic [Mountain View, Arkansas](#) for the 2021 Fall Beekeeping Conference on **September 24-25**. We will once again gather at the [Ozark Folk Center State Park](#) for a weekend of honey bees, good food and good friends, and a little bit of that mountain music!

Our keynote speakers for this fall will be [Dr. Jeff Harris](#) and [Audrey Sheridan](#), both from the Mississippi State University Honey Bee Extension and Research Program. Visit our [Events Page](#) to view the complete program and learn more about this year's speakers.

Registration details will posted soon.

The Arkansas Bee Conference will be held 24/25 Sept.

<http://arbeekeepers.org/events.html> for more info.



William Kaebler donated this bee poncho to the club (size 2x) to be added to the items that can be checked out. Thank you William.



Our Guest Speaker was Wallene Fraizer with helper Bronna Birdsell who did a show-n-tell on how easy it is to make Body Lotion, Lip Balms and Body Wash. The recipes are below. Plus you can see the video link below to watch. It did not take any time for the making of these fine products. (maybe 10 minutes) They are great for gifts.

All Containers can be purchased via Hobby Lobby or Amazon. Hobby Lobby has them on sale at times and you can get them at a good price.

BASIC BEESWAX LIP-BALM

1. 2 TBS BEESWAX
2. 2 TBS SHEA BUTTER
3. 2 TBS ORGANIC COCONUT OIL
4. 30 + DROPS PEPPERMINT OIL OR YOUR PREFERENCE OIL

Melt and mix 1 2 and 3 in double boiler Remember to not boil the beeswax
Add and stir in oil (about 30 drops) until you like
Fill containers. I use syringe I prefer an additional TBS of beeswax and no oil

BASIC BEESWAX BODY CREAM

1. 1/2 CUP ALMOND OIL
2. 1/4 CUP ORGANIC COCONUT OIL
3. 1/4 CUP BEESWAX
4. 2 TBS SHEA BUTTER
5. 1 tsp VITAMIN E OIL
6. SCENT OIL OF PREFERENCE

Melt and mix 1 2 3 and 4 in double boiler Remember to not boil the beeswax
Add and stir in vitamin e oil
Add and stir in scent oil until you like
Fill containers I pour into a lip measuring cup
I prefer additional beeswax and a little more vitamin E oil

BASIC BODY WASH WITH HONEY

1. 1/2 CUP ORGANIC COCONUT OIL MELTED
2. 3/4 TO 1 CUP HONEY
3. 3/4 TO 1 CUP LIQUID ORGANIC CASTILE SOAP
4. 1 tsp VITAMIN E OIL 25 + SCENT OIL DROPS

Mix well and fill container

I prefer 1 cup honey and 3/4 cup Castile soap filled to make 1 cup with water

I also prefer 1TBS of Vitamin E Oil

And I add 1 TBS of shea butter melted with my organic coconut oil

REMINDERS FOR BEESWAX CANDLES

Melt wax (amount of wax is base on container size) in double boiler

If adding a scent also add a little organic coconut oil it will hold the scent better than beeswax

Place wick in container remember to use heavy duty wick

Slowly pour wax into container (if using glass- use high heat glass like canning jar)

Keep in warm area to slow cure for 3 to 7 days

I have never used molds, I would be interested in hearing about experiences

PLEASE BE CAREFUL AND HAVE FUN

~ Wallene Fraizer

Lonnie reminded everyone that Honey Flow decent can be determined by the surrounding sumac trees.

Mite treatment plan –it is best to execute AFTER the flow; even though some treat during the flow. All depends on the beekeeper and their preference.

Oxalic Acid is hazardous to mites and humans. To use a high quality respirator if using the acid and keep down wind. We have two wands in the lending library that members can check pout. It does not include the acid or the battery.

We also have two hand crank honey extractors that members can check out.

Contact Jacque to check out any items in the lending library. Leave a message, if I do not answer and I will get back to you. 870.856.4987.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next meeting is 17 August 2021 at the Hardy Civic Center beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jacque English

Edited: Forgot – Glenda Hackney has 12 puppies that she's looking for homes for. They are Australian Shepard mix. She can be reached at glenda.hackney@highlandrebels.org

Annual Potluck Sept 25th at Loberg Park in Hardy AR , begins at 10 AM

Reach - Teach – Keep