

Five Rivers Bee Club  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
For February 15, 2022

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Mission Statement 'The mission of Five Rivers Bee Club (FRBC) is to provide our membership and local community with a forum for sharing knowledge (through presentations and/or articles in print) of mutual interests in beekeeping, honey production and marketing of honey and related products. To educate and promote the benefits of beekeeping to the public'

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Opening prayer was given by Johnnie Niswonger

Special prayer for Arrie Goodwin, Wallene Fraizer, and Ken Hamlin

Minutes of December 21, 2021 were approved as read / posted. (William Kaelber motioned and Scott Tippitt 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Treasurer Report. \$721.48 (All books are open to the members)

In Attendance: 38 total (29 paid members, 5 adult guests, 4 young people)

Guest Speaker: Crystal Gray of the Hardy Homesteaders Society

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**Description:**

Since 1992. Come experience pioneer life in the Ozarks at the annual Homesteaders Day. This year it is set for Sept 24, 2022 at [Loberg Park](#) from 9:00am to 5:00pm, the event provides a brief glimpse into the lives of our Ozark ancestors through personal historical interpretation and reenactment of daily activities of the pioneers that settled the Hardy area. Wagon rides, live music and dancing, period dress contest, and children's games are just some of the event activities. Visitors will see character portrayals of the tradesmen, craftspeople and settlers with live demonstrations.

Rain Date will October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Requirements: "1883" period clothing. If you do not have any, please stop by the Hardy Historical Society, they offer clothing.

They are seeking "Homesteading type" demonstrations and volunteers for additional demonstrators and helpers. She was hoping to have an observation hive, someone to demonstrate how to make lotions, lip balm, candles or how to cook. Anything dealing with products made with honey, if possible.

Crystal Gray is the contact person, chair of the HHD planning committee. She can be reached at 417-280-1003. Plans are starting to take shape, but we need volunteers to work on all of the committees:

1-Funds & Social Media

2-Musicians & Storytelling

3-Children's Activities

4-General Store

5-Demonstrators

6-Set-up & Tear-down

7-Closing Appreciation Ceremony

Contact Crystal and she will put you in touch with the appropriate person! Let her know your interest and help us make this happen!!!

We are seeking bee club members who wish to partake in this event to let Jacque or Crystal know. She needs an answer by July if possible.

Jacque English passed around "How you wish to be contacted" since some of us are not social media.

She also passed out the 2022 Monthly Meeting calendar. (see below)

Our website now has a nice calendar of events, if I forgot to add anything, let me know. (link is above)

William Kaelber will be doing The History of Bees for the area.

Lonnie Perry asked about our club having a "Beginning Beekeeping Class". We had about 8-10 interested. He will give us a date soon. It will be free and open to anyone. Hoping to have it as all day affair. He will get with Andy Birdsell to work out the details and let us know.

Next month Myron Kroph will be our guest speakers to talk about NUCs and when to order.

19 April, our guest speaker will be John Z from the UAEX office in Little Rock. He is such a great speaker, I am sure once the word gets out, we'll have a house full of folks at this meeting. He'll be talking about Honeybee Research in Arkansas.

To join our club, it is only \$10.00 and comes with benefits.

Robert Fare told everyone beehives are all over Mt Home are seeking a new home. The owner passed away and the family are seeking to sell. If interested and wish more information, contact him at (414) 224.1996.

Lonnie and Andy did a hands-on demonstration on how easy it is to make a 5 frame NUC box. While the folks were building, Lonnie talked bees and folks socialized a bit. Linda and Andy built one and Adam and Christoph was the other team.

Get scrap wood from construction sites, they make good boxes.

Meeting adjourned 7:42pm

Next meeting is March 15, 2022

Location 301 Main Street - Hardy AR 72542 (Hardy Civic Center) V

Minutes submitted by Jacque English

## REACH ~ TEACH ~ KEEP

### 2022 Monthly Meeting Calendar

Jan 10 - canceled

Feb 15 – Guest Speaker – Crystal Gray of Hardy Homesteaders

Mar 15 – Guest Speaker - Myron Kroph - NUCs

Apr 19 – Guest Speaker – John Z - UAEX

May 03 – Guest Speaker – Bronna Birdsell – Flowers and Pollination

Jun 14

Jul 19

Aug 16

Sep 20

Oct 18

Nov 15

Dec 20