

Five Rivers Bee Club
Monthly Meeting Minutes
For March 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. by Lonnie Perry, President

Opening prayer was given by Johnnie Niswonger

Minutes of February 15, 2022 were approved as read / posted. (Bob Stone motioned and Arrie Goodwin 2nd)

Treasurer Report. \$870.45 (All books are open to the members)

In Attendance: 42 total (31 paid members, 7 adult guests, 4 young people)

Guest Speaker: Myron Kroph of Bextar AR

(870) 458-3002 to contact him.

He spoke on his way of working with his bees. He has MANY bee yards across the USA.

His are all natural, he does not use any chemicals on his hives.

In one yard, he lost over 75% of his hives and another three yards, he lost nearly 50% in each.

Big issue is bee nutrients which means you need a good pollen flow.

He just got back from Colorado, his 100 beehives were there from August thru October. Came back stronger and had good honey flow.

Buck Wheat is a 45-day bloom but needs water

He found that darker bees – store honey, while the lighter bees – tend to eat all year round.

Occasionally adds new frames of Queens to create a new strain.

In April, he builds his NUCs. 90% take virgin queen, shaken bees.

Grafting to Queen less hive with Larvae/

Honey, Pollen, and Brood in 10 days.

Evaporated Cane Juice (ECJ) Crystals to feed bees is what he uses if he sees a need to extra feed.

He answered questions from the attendees of the meeting.

He brought some of his comb honey to sell that went VERY quickly.

He took orders for his NUCs. He is charging \$125 and \$95.00 for his packages.

Lonnie demonstrated his way to reach bee swarms high in a tree using a 5-gallon bucket



and two (2) seven (7) feet poles.

Sorta like this. I found on web, but you get the jest. Plus watch the meeting video and at the end of the meeting, you can see Lonnie feeding the giraffe. LOL

Lonnie Perry still working on 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, 19 April, our guest speaker will be Jon Zawislak 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.

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm

Next meeting is April 19, 2022

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

Minutes submitted by Jacque English

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2022 Monthly Meeting Calendar

Apr 19 – Guest Speaker – Jon Zawislak – UAEX – Arkansas Research Updates

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

Jun 14 - Guest Speaker – Kristi Cook (President) of NEA Beekeepers