

Five Rivers Bee Club
Monthly Meeting Minutes for June 14, 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 Arrie Goodwin

Minutes of May 3rd were not approved. None were at the meeting for review, but they are online. They will be available for review and approval at the July's meeting.

Treasurer Report. \$863.04 Last month bought honey candy and sticks for Hardy's Homesteader Day to pass out. (All books are open to the members)

In Attendance: 45 total (32 adult guests, 13 young people)

Justin and Canda Werkwerth caught their first swarm as a new beekeeper.

Adan Taitano did a Beekeeping Educational Class presentation at the Ash Flat Library for about 25 – 30 folks of all ages.

William Kaelber brought a drink made of 4 ingredients and folks that tested it, said it was really good. A nice cheap electrolyte that you can make by the gallon is known as switchel (Haymaker's Punch)



1 gallon water,
1/4 cup Apple Cider Vinegar (Use as much or as little to your taste)
1/2 cup Honey Use as much or as little to your taste)
and some chopped/shredded Ginger

SIGN UP SHEETS - There will be a Sign Up Sheets on the table by the concession stand that you can add your name to.

Members and Guests Sign In - Members find your name and place an “X” in the Left Column. Any changes to your information, please annotate. Our Guests here, please fill out our Guest Sheet. Thank you.

Home Visits - Jacque English has openings for July 23rd and Aug 20th. Home visits fall on the Saturday following our monthly meeting. They usually run at 10:00 am for a couple of hours at someone home where they can show other members their setup and ask for advice and/or recommendation on improvements. They are a lot of fun and informative. Be sure to bring your veils and /or suits. We do have some available to check out as well. If you like to be part of the Home Visit, please let me know so we can get the word out. Thank you (870) 856-4987

Homesteaders Day (Sept 24th) – Will be at Loberg Park 9:00am to 3:00pm. If working a booth with us, Period clothing is required if you need something to wear, the Hardy Historical Society has outfits you can check out. If you have something to add to the display area, that would be wonderful. Contact William Kaelber who is the main contact point for this event. (870) 751-1176

Swarm Team – Local Extension Offices in surrounding counties has a listing of folks they can call upon to catch swarms. If interested, please add your name to the sheet and Jacque will get your information to the appropriate county.

Jacque somehow has misplaced the acid wands for mite treatment and the extractor honey strainer that she had in the lending library. If you, by chance, have either, please let her know so can add it to the Check In/Out Sheet. Thank you .. (870) 856-4987


Jacque reminded folks that there are plenty of FREE material on the tables. Magazines, past minutes, handouts from folks like recipes and much more. Be sure to stop by, take a look and help yourself.





Lonnie did presentation “What’s in your Bee Bag?”


Synopsis: Preparing for the season ahead should include making sure you have everything you need in the bee bag for apiary visits... at least until swarming starts.

In your journey, you will find what you need and use the most. These are just some examples of what I carry in my bag.


- Hive tool  for those tough prying jobs and with scraping features of comb


- Bee Frame grabber  Frame Grip grips top bar of frame for loosening and removing frames from supers. Spring allows one hand operation.


- Bee Brush  Bee Brush's long, soft, flexible yellow bristles are gentle enough for brushing bees off queen cells yet firm enough to remove bees from frames, supers, or clothes. Will not crush or injure bees. A sturdy all purpose wood handle brush. Can be washed.

- Capping Scraper  Uncapping tool used by many hobby beekeepers. An excellent hand tool for opening the cells to let the honey out.

- Lighter


- Queen Clip  Easy to cage the queen on the top of the frames


- Burn Material -  something easily accessible like wood trigs, pieces of cotton or burlap, pine needles

- Swifter pads  cut in half and place in corners of boxes to catch hive beetles


- Beetle Traps  best to fill with  (diatomaceous Earth) – If you use oils, it turns rancid quickly.


- Sharpie marker  needed if you need to write on your hives


- Pen and Note pad  Handy to have on hand to makes notes to yourself.


- Sugar Water Sprayer  mix sugar and water together and spray your bees rather than using smoke. They will start cleaning each other and themselves and let you get into hives.

- Queen Roller Clips  For use with the Cupkit Rearing System

- Repair tools  Hammer, tacks, in case you need to do quick repair in the field

- Rubber Bands  to place around natural frames to hold comb in place

- Tooth Picks  use to hold a cell in place in case becomes loose when frame is lifted out

- Magnifying Glass  to get that up close look on a bee or something in the hive.



- Flash Light if you need that extra bit of light to see what you are doing



- Level Balance to make sure its not too off balance to have the frames merge with one another



- Ground cinnamon wards off ants if you have a problem



- Lemon Grass add to a new hive to seduce bees to come and make their new home during swarms



- Swarm Commander works like Lemon Grass, attracts bees that are swarming



- Queen Cell Holder CELL CUP HOLDER FOR NICOT QUEEN REARING SYSTEM
- Queen Marker When marking your queens (if you do), each color represents a year to let you know when she is nearing her life cycle to be replaced. (3 to 5 years)

Mark as follows:

White: Years Ending in 1/6

Yellow: Years Ending in 2/7

Red: Years Ending in 3/8

Green: Years Ending in 4/9

Blue: Years Ending in 5/0



- Terra Pro for Foul Brood

Terra-Pro is a medicated feed mix which contains Terramycin, Bee-Pro, sucrose and other vitamins and minerals. It is recommended as an aid in the control of American and European Foulbrood.



Meeting adjourned 7:35pm

Next month, our meeting will be held on the July 19, 2022

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

Minutes submitted by Jacque English

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