

# Five Rivers Bee Club

Monthly Meeting Minutes for July 19, 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 Andy Birdsell, Vice-President

Opening prayer was given by Arrie Goodwin

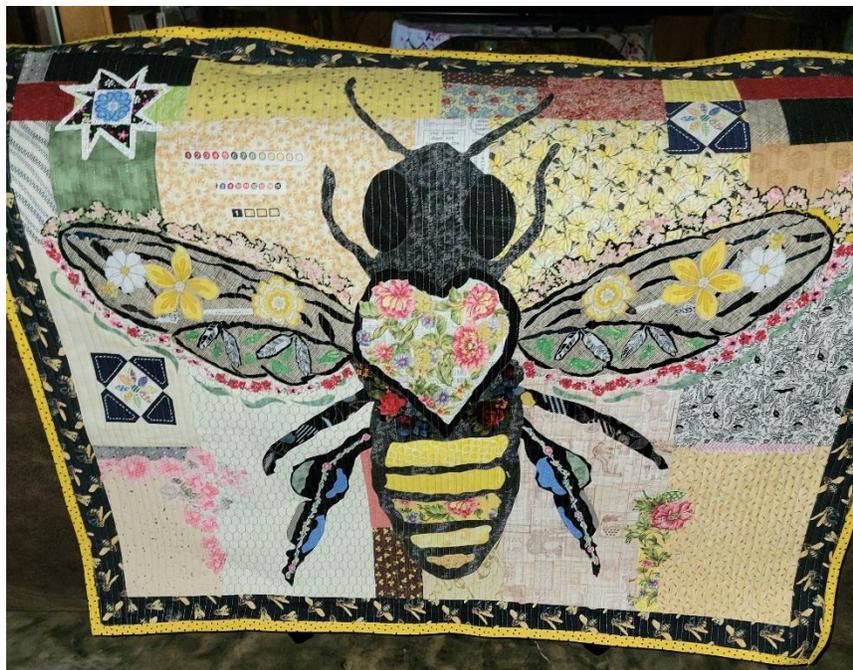
Minutes of May 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 21<sup>st</sup> were approved. Bob Stone motioned to accept and several folks 2<sup>nd</sup> at once.

Treasurer Report. \$913.04 (All books are open to the members)

In Attendance: 36 total (29 adults, 7 young people)

Lonnie and Nora would not there tonight, they are quarantined. Nora tested posted for Covid and Lonnie was not but has a cough.

We are having a raffle for this beautiful quilt that Ann Wilson made for the next three months. Raffle will be held at our October meeting. Do not have to present to win. Tickets can be purchased at our monthly meetings or online using [PayPal](#). \$5.00 a ticket or \$20.00 for 6 tickets. The detail is amazing.





Kelden had this APIMAYE 7 frame setup hive set he was selling, along with a NUC box. It has bees but he thinks it is a weak hive but he did see they were making a Queen cell. It was sold and he thanks everyone for letting him bring it in. He bought a house and this equipment came with it.



Tina Taitano brought some homemade Honey Taffy. It is Delicious! Thank you for sharing your wonderful treats with the rest of us.

**SIGN UP SHEETS** - There will be Sign Up Sheets on the table by the concession stand that you can add your name to. It went very smoothly and folks like this better rather than passing around during the meeting.

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 Aug 20 and Sept 24. 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 veils and suits 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 24<sup>th</sup>) – 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.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – If you did not get to read them online, please pick up a copy at the table for your review. There will also be minutes from past meetings that there were extras of.

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Guest Speaker for tonight was Kristi Cook, President of the Northeast Beekeepers Association out of Jonesboro Arkansas.

meets 6:30 pm, 3rd Monday each  
month

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(check Facebook page for upcoming  
meeting details)

She spoke on the history on how she got started into beekeeping as a hobby 5 years ago.

She had a mentor that helped her with her two NUCs and now has close to 400 hives in 5 bee yards.

She now sells NUCs and if interested, contact her.

As with many, her numbers are Ebb and Flow, so having to feed yards due to dry spell weather.

Spent \$1000.00 last year for sugar, it was almost double this year.

The local Farm Service Agency – USDA – Assistance for beehive loss expenses, so save your receipts.

She found that Italians tend to winter earlier than Russians.

Her bees forgo honey if sugar is present.

She does oxalic acid treatment for hives, she does 3 treatments 5 days apart in April, late July

She has both screen and solid bottom boards, and her bees could care less.

She heard that if you use screen bottom and do not insert the cover, if a wind blows under hive, it creates a draft that pulls the warm air out and thus your bees may not make it during the winter. She does not know if this is true, but only what she heard, so she pretty much goes with solid boards to be on safe side.

More hive beetles seem to be in the shady areas than the hives that are in direct sunlight.

Your bees will swarm and this is a good thing. It means your hive is healthy. Just must learn the talent to catch the swarm before they actually swarm.

Bottom line – DO NOT GIVE UP !! and enjoy this wonderful challenging creatures.

Meeting adjourned 7:33pm and many socialize afterwards.

Next month, our meeting will be held on the August 16, 2022

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

William Kaelber will be Guest Speaker to discuss the upcoming Homesteaders Event

Minutes submitted by Jacque English

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