

## Tri-County Beekeepers Monthly Meeting Minutes

**JUNE 1, 2021**

Meeting called to order by President Bob Cross at 7:05pm

Treasurer's report: Given and approved

Secretary's report: Minutes of last meeting read and approved

Library Committee- Mary Kivi , club librarian has declared her intention to step down. Thank you to Mary for her years of work. Rhonda Shoberg has volunteered to take over as librarian. Thank you Rhonda!

Norm was back with us with the nametags. Thank you Norm! Please pick up your nametag at the start of the meeting or make one if you are new. We want to get to know everyone.

Swarm Committee-Marty Stone (320-293-4305) is the chairman of the swarm committee. Several more people volunteered to serve on this committee: Lyne Mergen (320-221-4267) Litchfield, Dave Curtis (320-493-0403) Rockville, Mike Rothstein (320-293-4771) Cold Spring, Sam Jundt (612-770-1949) and Mike Sieg (763-772-6758) Becker and Deb Ruehle (320-267-3170) from Fairhaven and Delbert Clark 320-363-1029 from St. Joseph. We'd still like some more volunteers for the swarm committee to cover North and East locations. We also still need a secretary. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions about the job call Bob Cross, president (320-267-2823) or Amy Jonas, vice president (320-250-9162) or email the club through the website and someone will contact you.

Benton County Fair will be held this year August 3-8. Sam Sundt (612-770-1949) has volunteered to be the Fair Committee chair this year. Thank you Sam! He will contact Mary Ostby who is the person in charge of the Heritage building to see if anything has changed from previous years. Let him know if you are willing to work at the booth during fair time.

Conrad Legatt says we can still order honey straws for sale at the fair. Clay White will help him and learn how to order so he can take over this job for future years. Thanks Conrad for doing it all these years and thanks Clay for taking over!

Nancy Koos will check on ordering more pamphlets to distribute at the fair. Thanks Nancy!

The club's August meeting will be 7:00pm on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Heritage building at the Benton county fair grounds and will include set-up for the fair.

There was discussion on whether we should sell honey at the fair and at what price.

Glenn Kooiman will be at the July club meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> to pick up bee package boxes.

Deb Rhule gave us a demonstration on using an oxalic acid vaporizer to treat for varroa mites. Thanks Deb!

There was a discussion on treatments for varroa mites.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Jonas