

## **Tri-County Beekeepers Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**April 6, 2021**

Meeting called to order by President Bob Cross at 7:00pm

Treasurer's report: Treasurer not present so no report given

Secretary's report: Minutes of last meeting posted on website

New members welcomed- 5 new members-1 new member asking for a mentor

Wayne Rusch presented a demonstration on hiving a new package of bees. Wayne demonstrated how to hive package in cold weather (under 50 degrees) and warm weather (above 50 degrees)

After hiving bees they should be fed on 1:1 sugar syrup until dandelions flower and wax is drawn out on all new frames

Questions were answered by Wayne.

It was discussed whether we should authorize a donation to the Uof M Bee program this year and a motion was made, seconded and passed to give the same as last year.

Jason Nyholm is checking on the possibility of a Benton Co. Fair this year. Their website says plans are going forward for a fair at this time.

Delivery of packages of bees ordered through the club will be on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

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.

Marty Stone will bring equipment and demonstrate how to catch a swarm of bees at the next meeting.

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.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Jonas