

4/23/15
YCBA Monthly Meeting

- I. Attendance**
 - a. 74 in attendance
 - b. Board: Coral, Renee, Erin, Jeremy, Molly

- II. Call to order**
 - a. President: Coral
 - i. Review of future meetings:
 - 1. Regular meeting: June 25 at YCST- Kirsten Traynor from Bee Informed Partnership
 - 2. Regular meeting: July 23 at YCST- Maryann Frazier from PSY
 - 3. Regular meeting: August 27 at YCST- Bonnie Raindrop
 - 4. Special event: Sept. 26 at Dave Hackenburg's Apiary- Tour of Apiary at 11am followed by lunch at the Country Cupboard Inc.
 - a. Arranging a carpool
 - b. Call Coral if interested 2-4 weeks ahead of time
 - c. 101 Hafer Road, Lewisburg PA 17837
 - 5. Special event: Oct. 10th Annual Banquet at 5:30pm at Winterstown Fire Hall
 - 6. Nov. 16 at YCST auditorium- Tri- County meeting with Claire Densley of Buckfast Abbey

- III. Treasurer's report**
 - a. T-shirt orders have arrived
 - i. Extras were ordered, but supplies and sizes are limited. Colors are either a blue, pink, or tan t-shirt.

- IV. Vice President- Renee**
 - a. Picnic is June 13th
 - i. Sign up at "Signupgenius.com"
 - ii. Activities, contests, native plant sale, and recipe available at picnic
 - b. Special Event: June 14- MAEscapes Pollinator Garden Dedication at 2pm
 - c. Special Event: York Fair sign up on signupgenius.com will be available soon! Stay tuned (watch your email)!

- V. Non-profit status: Molly**
 - a. Discussing differences and similarities of bylaws
 - b. Voting on new bylaws next meeting
 - c. New and Old bylaws are on the website under the "members" section

- VI. Coral: Announcements**
 - a. New Program Committee: Erin, Dave, Bill, and Andrea
 - i. Meeting July 8th at 7pm for Program Committee
 - b. Mark Gingrich: Queen Bee Initiative
 - i. Started in 2010

- ii. Diversifying genetics of queen bees
 - iii. \$300 for queens: Asking association to sponsor a daughter queen that Bill Sprengle would raise, graft from the queen, and then raise new queens from the daughter
 - iv. Concerns:
 - 1. Would Bill offer discounts to association members?
 - 2. The odds of the queen surviving is 2 of 10 queens succeeding and surviving
 - a. Counter point: This sponsorship would benefit the association mission statement of promoting the scientific and sustainable practice of beekeeping
 - v. MAJORITY VOTE IN FAVOR OF SPONSORSHIP
- VII. Dave Papke: State of the Bees
 - a. Late Spring this year, which moved swarming back
 - b. Queen excluders
 - i. Put his on in May instead of earlier in order to give the brood more room to expand in the hive
 - ii. Drones can still escape from honey supers due to upper entrance
 - iii. Colonies are strong
 - iv. Had some more swarming the normal this year, but it's unclear that the queen excluder caused it or had no affect
- VIII. Honey containers are available. 6 packs of bottles are \$3.00. If interested in purchasing, contact Mary.
- IX. Julie Kurtz has hives for sale
- X. Coral: Woman in Littlestown has 5.2 acres of land and is interested in bees being put on her property and cared for by a beekeeper
- XI. NuBees and their stories
 - a. Brandy- beekeeping for 1 year
 - i. Always fascinated by bees
 - ii. Took Jeremy's class
 - iii. Was queen-less for a bit, but hive was creating a new queen
 - iv. Quakers were instrumental in helping her establish her hives at the Quaker meeting house
 - b. Val- beekeeping for 1 year
 - i. Interested after retirement
 - ii. Researched beekeeping, took courses, and volunteered at YCBA
 - iii. Made a spot for their bees
 - iv. Made a roof to be placed over the hives (option to place a tarp, if needed) and placed a mailbox next to the hives so that they could store their hive tools by the hives
 - v. Success over the winter
 - vi. Started a nuc in the spring
 - c. Pat- beekeeping for 3 years
 - i. First year his father gave him a hive and a bee package, and he researched beekeeping (self-taught)

- ii. First year fed the bees constantly through the fall without mite management, and they survived the winter
 - iii. Bought a nuc, while adding supers on original hive
 - iv. Had 50 lb of honey from original hive
 - v. Dumb mistakes: Used a bee escape with the queen above it, which caused the queen to fall into the grass
 - vi. Did a sugar roll test and had a mite problem
 - vii. Second winter he lost the bees
 - viii. Took Jeremy's class
 - ix. Currently has 2 hives of bees (one strong and one weaker)
 - 1. Planning to swap strong brood and weak brood
- XII. Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm (time for socialization and snacks)