

081017 MHB Honeybees

McDowell Honeybees Monthly Meeting
August 10, 2017

Called to order by Ed Speer at 6:33 pm

Business meeting:

No minutes from July Meeting
No Executive meeting held in July

Treasurer report

As of 8/1, total is \$4424.17
Major expenditures -
\$180 for Pollen Analysis
\$400 for Cookbooks

Committees

Beekeeper education

NCSBA Summer Meeting (Winston Salem, 100th)
Gap Award (Plaque, Notebook, \$300, Gift Certificate, Raffle Goodies)
Raffle
Plan to submit again for 2018 year - will need chairperson
Proposal in front of board to combine \$300 award and raffle proceeds for an educational event for club members.
Ray Revis Recognition
Beecheck.org apiary registry
Workshops
Cookbooks (\$25 each, see treasurer to purchase)
Recipe from cookbook is available to test
Profits
Karen S - 2nd place beeswax
Karen and Ed S. assisted with proctoring the journeyman and master beekeeping exams
Spikenard Farms Field day - Don M

MTCC Apiary - Irene L

Produced no honey this year; 1 hive died; remaining 3 doing fine
Hives moved to Sweet Betsy Farm in July following widespread weed killer spraying at MTCC

Honey House - Adam W

Honey House has been very busy lately, talk with Adam if you need any assistance with the honey house
1 lb plastic honey bottles (\$0.75 ea) available in HH

Community outreach (2017)

First Graders (70) West Marion Elementary School (May) - Ed and Karen
Cub Scouts Summer Camp in Spruce Pine - June 20 - Ed
McDowell Middle School Summer Camp - June 29 - Ed
2017 McDowell County Jr. Livestock Show - August 4 & 5 - Ray, Adam, Jacqui and Shannon
McDowell Library - Summer Adult Reading Program - August 9 - Bill, Vanda and Ed

Hospitality - Lynn B.

Social Media - Karen S.

The McDowell Honeybees FB group now has 86 members
Website is updated monthly with current events and photos.
Revised Bylaws now posted on website
Please email photos to karen@sweetbetsyfarm.com

Newsletters - Ed S.

USDA Beltsville bee lab is reopened and there is now a nominal fee for evaluation of specimens.

New Business

Lewis Cauble -

Signup sheet to volunteer at the Mountain State Fair in September

Free ticket and parking pass

Don't forget to enter Honey competition

honeybeehealthcoalition.org

Lots of information regarding mites - postcards with info

Karen to post on website/FB Page

"Managing Mites" document updated quarterly

North American mite-a-thon

September - week of September 8

<https://bip2.beeinformed.org/mitecheck>

Karen S. graciously accepted 2018 Bee School Chair

Honey Donations needed for McDowell Farm to Table Community Potluck (Aug 19) - see Jill R.

Will be held at the Marion tailgate market pavilion

Proceeds will benefit local food pantries

Everyone is welcome to attend, rsvp through NC extension office

Next Executive Club meeting Sep 12

September meeting Sep 14

Summer 2017 Honey Tasting - winners will be sent for pollen analysis

Seasonal Beekeeping - Ray R.

October Meeting Oct 11 - Forage Plants for Honeybees - Ed S.

Mtn Glory Festival, Marion, NC - October 14 - \$70 for booth for civic groups

We will have an observation hive

No MTCC honey to sell. \$270 (60 lb @ \$4.50/lb); + \$50 for bottles/caps/labels; sell for \$10/l; \$600 - \$320 costs = \$280 profits

Motion to purchase 5 gallons of honey from club member - by Lynn, Seconded by Vanda. Voted all in favor, none opposed.

November Meeting Nov 9 - Potluck and Election of 2018 officers

Meeting called to close - Motion by Jim A, seconded by Frank D.

7:18 pm

Break for refreshments

Honeybee Breeding - Bill Hendley

8:25 pm Door Prizes/Announcements

Minutes submitted by Karen Speer, Secretary