



## Warren County Beekeepers Association

# 'Beez'ette

April 2011

### Warren County Beekeeper's Association Agenda 04-03-11

Call to order

Introduction of members

Reading of minutes

Treasurer's Report 2010 -\$435.49

Old business:

Relocate bee school- Paul Dorger

Relocate August Picnic to free location—Shannon Hillard

Volunteer for Picnic Coordinator

Move June meeting to Mark's bee yard

Executive meeting report:

No change to fee structure

New business:

David Smith 3023 Columbia Road, Lebanon

(Columbia Rd meets Turtle Creek)[513-379-8051](tel:513-379-8051)

30 acres of hay, invites beekeepers

Should there be nominal fee to rent club extractor?

#### **New president**

Program: Installing bees

Refreshments:

Next Program: Flowering Plants Gary Leever

Questions and Answers

Raffle Drawing

Adjournment

APRIL AND THE BEEKEEPING: Keep feeding! Feeding helps the bees build up. You are just feeding to help the hive off to a great start. Keep the pollen patties on top too. Remove entrance reducers.

April can be cold and wet which means that your bees may have limited opportunities to fly out for food. So you must continue to inspect the hive to be sure they have enough food stores. Also, inspect your hive for any abnormalities. You want to see a solid brood laying pattern from your queen.

Reverse your brood chambers! This is extremely important as it gives more space for the queen to lay. Simply take the top deep brood chamber and place it on the bottom board and place the one that was on the bottom on top.

If your bees are no longer taking the sugar feeding, discontinue, put supers on, as the bees will now begin to collect dandelion nectar and nectar from Maple trees, Locust trees and other early Spring flowering plants and trees.

This is a great time to equalize your hives. You may have to combine weak hives with strong ones.

