



Warren County Beekeepers Association

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May 2011

Warren County Beekeeper's Association Agenda 05-01-11

Call to order

Introduction of members

Reading of minutes

Treasurer's Report 2010

Old business:

Relocate bee school- Paul Dorger

Relocate August Picnic to free location—Shannon Hillard

Move June meeting to Mark's bee yard

New business:

Michelle is leaving—moving to Pittsburg which leaves the presidency vacant... seeking volunteers.

Program: Gary Leever – discussion on plants supplemented by a DVD movie of a Shook Swarm.

Refreshments:

Next Program: Summer Hive Management – need a volunteer

Questions and Answers

Raffle Drawing

Adjournment

MAY AND THE BEES: Bees are in full operation now that it is May. You can stop feeding strong hives now because they are bringing in lots of nectar and pollen. The hive is expanding rapidly. The brood chambers are filling up fast and becoming crowded and congested.

MAY AND THE BEEKEEPER: RED ALERT!! BEES SWARM IN MAY

You will have to implement a swarm control strategy. Keep in mind that bees swarm as a way of multiplying. It is not a sign of being a poor beekeeper. However, there are some important steps to implement to try to prevent swarming. Keep in mind that you must provide room for your hive to expand. And, you should put on honey supers in May. Put on as many as you'd like. I think it is good practice to have a minimum of two honey supers on all hives during the nectar season. Three or four supers are even better. Don't wait to add your supers or you may miss particular nectar flows.

Consider having an extra, empty hive on hand so you'll be able to capture a swarm. You will want to capture your own swarms or you will probably receive phone calls once your neighbors learn you are a beekeeper.

Interesting facts about honey #1)

Honey is a Hebrew word meaning enchant. Initially it was a culinary sweetener, but now it is also recognized world wide as a healing ingredient in medicinal treatment.

Next month: Interesting facts about honey #2