

WARREN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

September 2010

MEETING NEWS

The next meeting will be Sunday, **September 11th** at 2:00 PM. The address is: Lebanon Presbyterian Church, 123 N. East St., Lebanon, OH 45036.

David Mohr will present a program on alternative hives and thanks to Jann Carrier for providing refreshments.

Those wishing to use the club extractor can contact Ray Alley at (513) 932-8139.



PROPOSAL TO AMEND CONSTITUTION-THIRD NOTICE OF THREE:

Proposal to amend the club constitution for the purpose of adding additional members to the Board of Directors. As discussed this change is necessary for budgeting and coordinating bee school and other activities.

- a. Ray Alley motioned the constitution be amended as discussed
- b. Paul seconded the motion and a vote was taken.
- c. A majority was in favor of the new amendment.



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SEPTEMBER AND THE BEES: The bees will still be working fall flowers, but the amount of honey produced in September will be minimum. The days are still warm enough to allow the bees time to gather more last minute nectar prior to the first major hard freeze or frost which will kill the flowers.

SEPTEMBER AND THE BEEKEEPER: This is the start of the beekeeper's year! What you do in September will determine how well your bees do next year, and how well they over winter. Here's your work list for September:

- 1) Consider re-queening. You don't have to, if your queen has done well, but it is advisable to re-queen in September. If you can afford to re-queen your hive each year, it would be best to do so in September. A new queen means a much younger queen who has stronger pheromones and who will be more apt to lay eggs more efficiently in the spring.
- 2) Take off all your supers. There is no need for them now, and you will want to tighten up the hive by removing excess supers.

3) Weigh your hives. This is guess work unless you invest in a hive scale. Find something around the house that weighs around 70 pounds. Lift it up slightly with one hand. This will give you an idea what 70 pounds feels like. Now, go to your hives and with one hand, slightly lift the back. Only lift it an inch or two so that you can sense how heavy it feels. It needs to feel around 70 pounds. If not, you will want to start feeding the hive 2:1 sugar water.



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