

## **Tri County Beekeepers Association Meeting August 1, 2022 (Location at the Heritage Building at the Benton County Fair)**

Meeting was open at 7:05 p.m.

- Secretary's report was read and approved.
- Treasurer's report was read and approved

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Fair News**

- The trailer- Richard Beck (thanks for fixing). Clay White will take home and bring back on Sunday, then keep until next week when Richard can take it back.
- Patty Gothier brought the additional business cards. We will keep them below if anyone is interested.
- Nancy R. ordered more pamphlets and Mann Lake catalogs. Thank you, Nancy, for ordering them.
- Clay will bring the demonstration hive. On the hot days, the bees will be sprayed with water. The queen is marked.
- We will have Honey Straws again this year but due to the price we will sell them for .25 Cents instead of 5 for a \$1.00. The Honey Straws are the best money investment for the club.
- We need 3 people to demonstrate extracting honey. There are 3 demonstrations. So far, we have Amy Jonas, Sarah Droff and Rhonda Shoberg. We really could use more people just to hold the extractor.
- The group can rent the extractor for \$10.00 but if you return it dirty and not cleaned out you will need to pay \$25.00.
- We still need more people to sign up for the fair. Need at least 2 people in the booth at all times. It is fun, interesting, and it is needed.
- If you want to sell your Honey fill out the form with your price that you want, and the club marks it up by \$2.00.
- Beekeepers' scholarship fund -we will set out a jar and a slip talking about the program.
- Fair hours are Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Sunday 12:00-3:00 p.m.
- The club has a few parking passes but to be used for someone working more than one shift.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Dave Curtis has plastic container for sale .83 cents
- David has a lot of wildflowers and would like someone to put a hive on his property. Amy Jonas has the phone number if anyone is interested. An electric fence would need to be put around the hive due to the bears in the area.
- What should we be doing with our bees?
  - We should be ready to do mite treatments after the supers are pulled off and treat when the weather cools down
  - To check for mites a club member used windshield washer as an alcohol wash and discovered 99% of them fly away and did not die.
- Does anyone have a speaker for the next meeting?  
Next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. at the Holy Cross Church, St. Cloud MN

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Submitted by Patty Gothier