

Meeting Minutes

6/26/2025

Leatherstocking Beekeepers' Association

Admin Attendance: Larissa Ryan, Stephanie Wardwell, Richard Burroughs, Mike Hoyt, Emma Wallace

Absent: Steve Davis

Number of Attendees: 15 (excluding officers)

Website Password: B33K33P3R2025

Introductions

Presentations

Balancing Needs to Help Local Bees - Dr. Jeffrey Heilveil Ph.D.

Email: Jeffrey.Heilveil@oneonta.edu

Resources:

Floral Atlas: <https://newyork.plantatlas.usf.edu/>

Honey Production Budget:

<https://www.nh-honeybee-health.com/honey-production-budget>

Identification Source: <https://www.sharpeatmanguides.com/>

Written Source: Common Native Bees Eastern United States

How to do a mite check - Mike Hoyt

Seasonal Preparations - Mike Hoyt

Old Business

Approve May Meeting Minutes - Approved (Stephanie, Richard B.)

Recap of Garden Club presentation by Liz Burroughs

Mike will be attending an observation hive class at BetterBee on July 19th. Mike is offering to have up to 3 other people carpool, reach out to Mike if interested

Honeybee Day, unfortunately cancelled due to weather, thanks to Cliff and Tammy for volunteering to help

New Business

Treasurers Report

Balance \$ 3524.12

Dues deposits - \$60

Website Fee - \$51.84

Varroxsan - \$71.20 to Kutiks, \$132.20 total reimbursement

Reimbursement Approval (Larissa, Liz)

Upcoming Expense in August - Liability Insurance for \$3 million

\$625 for the year, up from \$375

Bob Putnam Agency Worcester, NY

Consider Shopping Around for better price

Seeking Volunteers to help research insurance prices

Picnic Update - September 20th

Gilbert Lake State Park, \$125-150 for the rental fee

Rental Facility Payment Approval (Mike, Emma, Liz), majority vote passed

Snacks

Thanks to Renata for Snacks

July Volunteer for snacks - Mike Hoyt

Report from Bylaws Committee

Pulling together sample bylaws

Still seeking 1-2 more volunteers for committee

Plan to schedule in person meeting next month

Report from Education Coordinator

July Meeting - Lindsey from Kutiks, topic TBD

Observation Hive Discussion

Ag Day Sunday July 27th - Cullman Center

Keith Clark Park, Sidney

Bee Day added since original date was cancelled

Review of the Group Purchase of Varroxxsan

Varroxxsan was easy to use per few members who have used it

No suggestions for improvements on group purchases moving forward

Request by Richard B. for distribution of Varoxxsan FAQ

5+ people interested in another group purchase, will seek interest in which product

Logo Discussion

Previous Prompts - Bee on flower, Outline of Otsego Lake, Outline of Leatherstocking region, Bees wearing stockings, Text "leatherstocking beekeepers association," queen bee

Artists rate is \$50 for design work, total of \$54 after tax by current member who has offered to create logo

Vote for Approval for logo creation (Mike, Emma)

Open Apiary Day

July 26th, Mike Hoyt's apiary

Sign up will be on Eventbrite, free event!

Announcements

Reminder to register hives with New York State beekeepers.agriculture.ny.gov/registration

Anyone selling queens or nucs are required to have them inspected by state inspector

Map showing region and inspectors contact information:

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/plant-industry/honey-bee-health>

Honey Sales Requests

Jerry at Bob's Country Store is looking for local honey

Contact info 607-264-3007

Summer Picnic - Empire State Honey Producers Association

July 19th, Fulton, NY

Online Registration: <https://eshpa.org/>

Group Discussion

Q&A