

## **Kentuckiana Beekeepers Association Minutes from 11/4/11 Meeting**

President Lorie Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm at the Bon Air Library with a Welcome to all in attendance.

Tom Jones read the 10/7/11 minutes and reported the checkbook balance of \$2,321.18 (since the current bank statement has not been received).

Mark Moody commented on the KBA extractor. It has been returned with the handle broken. Dadant has replace the handle. Best to use with easy turns, not hard racing turns. Jerry volunteered to fix the old handle.

Elections for 2012 KBA officers was called for. The slate presented was the current officers – President, Lorie Jacobs; Vice President, Mark Moody; and Secretary/Treasurer, Tom Jones. No other nominations were presented. A show of hands voted was held with current, 2011 officers re-elected.

Tom Jones discussed membership dues for the upcoming year. Dues for KBA for 2012 to remain at \$8.00 and to run from Jan.1 – Dec.31. KSBA (state) also to run from Jan. 1 – Dec. 31 and to remain at \$15.00. KSBA to be sent directly by member to the KSBA Treasurer.

Lorie listed up-coming 2012 Beekeeping Schools:

- Jan.21 – Eastern KY Beekeeping School, Hazard
- Feb. 4 – Allen Co. Beekeeping School, Scottsville
- Feb. 11 – Southeast Beekeeping School, Whitley City
- Feb. 25 – Northeast KY Beekeeping School, Morehead
- Mar. 3 – Audubon Beekeeping School, Henderson
- Mar. 10 – Bluegrass Beekeeping School, Frankfort

Check out [www.brushymountainbeefarm.com](http://www.brushymountainbeefarm.com) for online beekeeping classes.

Lorie had an email request for a gallon of honey. Polled the meeting and no one has any honey for sale.

Lorie reviewed fall/winter tasks:

- Reduce hive entrance
- Check weight of hive
- Wind breaks, if needed
- Vent inner cover

Lorie reminded meeting of Dec. 2 meeting being our Christmas Dinner. Starting at **6:30 pm**; potluck with club providing the meat. There will also be a white elephant gift exchange (something bee/beekeeping related).

Tom Jones reported that our bank, BB&T sent us notice they are switching our checking account to a fee account effective Jan. 1, 2012. Discussed checking with branch manager about waiving our fee for a non-profit and/or checking with a Credit Union.

Tom brought up that we need representation at the executive committee meeting of KSBA. They meet three times a year. President or someone appointed by President may represent KBA. Lorie

said she would go.

Tom also brought up the club giving back to the community or beyond. Such as financially donating to a community beekeeping project, school beekeeping project, or perhaps purchasing hives through Heifer International Project. Lorie said this could be further discussed at the December Christmas Dinner meeting.

Bud brought in and passed out Phil Craft Beekeeping booklets and Kelley Catalogs.

Question/Answer Period

Jerry updated freezing frames – 24 hrs. freezing with minimum of 2 hrs. of actual chilling temp of 30 degrees or below.

Q. How late is too late to re-queen? A. NEVER. Hive can survive into mid-Jan. w/o Queen.

Q. # of hive bodies to start with 1<sup>st</sup> year? A. Really need 2 deep and some honey supers. Don't short yourself. May need them before you know it, so you need to be ready.

Want to build your own hives? Check out [www.beesource.com](http://www.beesource.com).

Suggestion was made that maybe in Feb. we get together and build hives, frames to help new beekeepers. No date set.

Q. How much time does beekeeping take? A. *Beekeeping for Dummies* says 40 hours per year for 2 hives. But time will vary.

Formal discussion concluded and meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm. Informal discussion and socializing continued until Ray closed up.

Respectfully submitted:

Tom Jones, Secretary/Treasurer