

1/26/17 Members Meeting

1. Future YCBA Meetings for 2017

- 1/26/17 (Current meeting) David Papke: Late Winter Management
- 2/23/17 Jeremy Barnes: "So you need to get bees. Where and how do you find the best bees in York County?"
- 3/07/17 TriCounty Meeting: TBA
- 3/23/17 Lou Caputzal: Oxalic Acid ("Mites are not so Mighty!")
- 4/27/17 Joe Lewis: Splits
- 5/25/17 TBA
- 6/10/17 Picnic and Field Day
- 7/27/17 YCBA Extraction Event
- 8/24/17 TBA
- 9/22/17 Jeremy Barnes: Africanized Honey Bees
- 10/14/17 YCBA Awards Banquet

2. Agenda Topics Discussed

a. YCBA Centennial Anniversary in 2019

- Centennial Committee now forming. Contact Coral @

Coral1051@gmail

.com to join the committee or offer ideas

b. October 8, 2017 Awards Banquet

c. 2017: Year of the Anti-Mite Association!

d. Locally Raised Stock

- 4 members available to sell Nucs

e. Penn Apic Workshop 3/19/17

- To be held at noon, Dover Fire Hall

f. Hives (2) donated eggs by Jesse Hollinger to the Association, in order to produce our own honey for selling/ use as teaching tool, etc.

- Questioning placement of hives; now illegal in York City

- Possible Institution of PA Best Management Practice; offer

signatures

to City Council for change in codes/zoning laws

g. American Bee Journal article recommends a Community (Mite) Treatment Day for prevention of drifting

Day

- Possibly institute Community Treatment Day the first week of

August

3. Late Winter Management: David Papke

a. Beekeepers are seeing problems with their hives due to climate change

b. Colony stressors prevent bees to stay as strong as they had in the past

c. Management Practices Need to Change: be proactive!

- See the "big picture" in how the honey bee colony works and survives throughout the year

- Be relaxed and calm when working with your bees every 7-10 days

- Anticipate and alleviate problems before they occur

- When the unexpected happens, it is better to do nothing and research the best approach before proceeding, rather than proceeding in

haste

d. Due to recent mild winters, Beekeepers need to adapt their management

- Fall:

- i. Overwinter only healthy colonies; combine weak colonies
- ii. Assure adequate ventilation, as moisture kills colonies. Screened bottom boards/ upper entrance use.
- iii. Assure plenty of honey stores close to brood

-Warmer weather:

- i. Bees use more honey with increased activity
- ii. Beginning of brood rearing in January, due to changes in sunlight
- iii. Check weight of hive. If light, use of fondant (no liquid

component)

Score plastic with knife and put between boxes or roll between wax paper, score and put on each side of hole in inner cover

for

- iv. Sunny weather, 55 degrees or warmer: pull a frame and check

brood

- v. March: if possible, check hives weekly. Bees need room for expansion of hive. If too much honey preventing this, remove honey frames and place empty drawn frames in their place

pollen

- vi. If dandelions are blooming, likely can get enough nectar and themselves

break

- vii. Can reverse boxes if bees only in upper box, and you do not

the cluster

- viii. Mites noted in warm weather (Mite sheet papers available for " March trough Nov. counts)

is a mite
bees to survive

- ix. "Dead Outs" seen: If cluster is small, may be due to mites/ parasites/viruses. Rapid dwindle in winter due to mites

- x. August and September the colony is raising winter bees. If there problem, will not be able to raise enough winter

stores

- xi. Honey frames are good for use in splits or for colonies low in

rearing.

- xii. Pollen patties may be placed in January to stimulate brood

Winter patties have more sugar content. Dry feeder and pollen substitute can be used in warm weather; protect from rain

due

- xiii. First hive inspection in March. Replace comb every 3-5 years

to pesticide absorption; also replace if comb is dark black. Foundation replacement done in April

capped,

- xiv. Early spring: Can utilize Drone frames for mite suppression. Place shallow frame between deeps. When drone brood

brood!

remove and feed to birds. Do this only with the first Drone

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.