

## I. ATTENDANCE

- a. Approximately 90 in attendance
- b. Board: Coral, Renee, Erin

## II. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA

### a. Topics Discussed

i. Award nominations for Beekeeper of the Year and Educator of the Year via

Member ballot.

1. Results to be made known at the YCBA Banquet

### ii. October 8th - YCBA Banquet

1. 5:30pm at North Hopewell- Winterstown Volunteer Fire Company

2. David Papke to speak on "40 years of Beekeeping"

3. Silent auction, honey tasting, 4th annual Russel Wentz Photo

Contest, etc.

### iii. Attendees' Suggestions for Future Programs

1. Honey extraction, splits and unconventional beekeeping methods

2. Further topic suggestions can be requested via

Emailing [www.YCBK.org](http://www.YCBK.org)

### iv. Secretary

1. Molly McAuliffe unable to continue as Secretary

2. Linda Gettys volunteered and was unanimously approved as new

Secretary

by membership

### v. Future Meetings

1. January, 2017, 7pm, at Penn State York

2. Ruhl Community Center's Community Room

### vi. Help Wanted

1. Garden Club of York requesting a beekeeper for an after school program for

students of Alexander Good School

2. Program to be 20-30 minutes in length, as part of an Environmental

Responsibility Course for 3rd to 6th graders

3. Contact Coral Still-Glosser ASAP if interested ([717-577-4774](tel:717-577-4774) or [coral1051@](mailto:coral1051@gmail.com)

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### vii. Event Photos

1. Bottling/Capping/Labeling of Honey at Coral's

2. 7/16/16 Queen Rearing Workshop at Bill Sprenkle's apiary

### viii. Thank You

1. Thank you from Coral to the membership for all the well wishes and support

received during her husband's illness and subsequent surgery.

### III. DAVID PAPKE: BEE TALK

#### a. What has been happening in members' hives

##### i. Julie: Nu Bee member

1. Extracted 183 lbs honey the second week in August
2. Treated all hives with Mite Away the next week
3. Fed 2:1 sugar syrup for winter stores

##### ii. John: member

1. Increased his apiary to 4 hives: placed 2 in shade and 2 in sun
2. All hives' entrances face different directions
3. Shaded hives strong but smaller, less varroa count via use of

bottom sticky

board

4. Requeened via use of Queen cages
5. Checks hive weight to determine if feedings needed / to continue

#### b. David Papke's comments

i. Recent evidence suggests treating all hives in an apiary for varroa, due to

Drones "drifting" to other colonies

ii. Internal feeder use prevents robbing

iii. Feed 2:1 syrup with HBH addition

iv. Fall feedings may not be capped right away; feed only to mid-October

for proper moisture reduction

v. Feed until there are enough winter stores

vi. Small hive beetles seem to like shaded hives

vii. Winter management:

1. Fondant use in winter should have no coloring or flavoring; found at baking

suppliers / recipes on line

2. Winter bee checks: can be done when sunny, in the 50's.

Check entrance

for bees making cleansing flights

3. In February when temps in 60's, with no wind, the cover can be opened

and the cluster observed. Ascertain if emergency food is needed

4. Mid to late February into early March: may be an emergency need for

Increased honey/ food stores

viii. Mouse excluders should be placed in hive entrances now, after assuring there

are no mice in the hive

1. Made of 1/2 inch hardware cloth, 3" wide and length of entrance. Fold into
  - a "V" and wedge into entrance
2. Commercial excluders made of metal with holes for bees to enter/ exit

#### IV. JEREMY BARNES: BEEKEEPING IN SLOVENIA

- a. Geography and History
  - i. Beekeeping has been in Slovenia for over 100 years
  - ii. There is 16- 20 times more beekeepers in Slovenia than in the US; 1 in 210 citizens are beekeepers
- b. Architecture and Background
  - i. Pictures shown of landscapes and architecture; background discussed
  - ii. AZ hives shown, painted with various themes
  - iii. Not unusual for people to have 2-3 jobs, which include beekeeping
- c. Hospitality
  - i. Population is eager to educate others on their beekeeping background
    1. Only Carnolian bees used. Pros: calmness, low robbing and propolis building qualities, good over wintering with small clusters and good honey production.  
Con: swarming
    - ii. Beekeeping promotion via education of children, libraries emphasizing beekeeping, apitherapy and apitourism.
- d. Hives
  - i. AZ hives used by more than 90% of beekeepers
    1. Pros: "apartment type" hives with no heavy lifting; kept under cover; keep hives warm over winter; use of less honey stores (12-35 lbs) over a 6 month winter
    2. Cons: more overall management needed; more frame manipulation due to confined space
    - ii. Langstroth hives used primarily for drone mating yards
- e. Equipment
  - i. Basic but functional
- f. Apitherapy
  - i. Inhalation of air from hives for "medicinal" purposes

- ii. Studies showing decrease in allergy symptoms and PSA levels
  - g. Frames and Foundation
    - i. Changed out every two years
    - ii. Old frames and foundation burned to prevent disease proliferation
  - h. Slovenia's current problem in regards to beekeeping: varroa, increasing environmental toxicity and decreasing resources
  - i. Future of Beekeeping
    - i. Apimondia: the International Federation of Beekeepers Association
    - ii. Holds International Congress every two years
      - 1. 2017: Istanbul, Turkey
      - 2. 2019: Montreal, Canada
      - 3. 2021: Ljubljana, Slovenia ?
- V. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm