

Meeting was held June 4, 2013 at the Campbell County Environmental Center.

Attendance: 27

Business:

Treasurer, Rita Bushelman reported that the club has a Certificate of Deposit that is coming due in July. Carl Knochelmann motioned that we combine the CD balance into the regular club checking account. The motion was seconded by Carol Moyer. The motion was passed by the club members.

The Community Recorder recently ran an article on 'beekeeping'. Our own Carl Knochelmann gave an excellent interview. I have attached a copy for those of you that might have missed it. Nice shout out for the club too!

The floor was open to questions: There were plenty of experienced keepers on hand to help with the answers. One question is particular was curious, "what do you know about "Zombees"?" Well.....Stacie Meyer has researched this for us and this is what she found out. It is caused by infection with the *Apocephalus borealis* parasite, which is a fly that lays its eggs in the bee and the maggots grow inside the bees body. Apparently it is primarily in the Western US, but samples are being checked closer to us, including some from Ohio. As weird as it sounds, it probably wouldn't hurt for local beekeepers to be looking for odd bee behavior, since they do seem to think it is spreading.

Most honey bees you encounter will not be ZomBees. They will be buzzing around your garden exhibiting totally normal bee behavior. The easiest way to distinguish a regular honey bee from a ZomBee is to pay attention to their behavior.

ZomBees are often observed:

- Stranded under porch lights or street lights during the day
- Flying around lights at night
- Crawling, disoriented, or dead on sidewalks

<http://healthyliving.msn.com/blogs/daily-apple-blog-post?post=65b37ccc-a6b2-4a86-a38b-b11ae7294026>

<http://www.nhm.org/site/activities-programs/citizen-science/zombie-watch/identifying-zombees>

<https://www.zombeewatch.org/>

Thank you, Stacie, for this information.

The education part of the meeting consisted of a demonstration of the club extractor. Carl Knochelmann brought the extractor and frames of honey. He explained how the process works and many club members took a turn spinning the machine. The extractor is for club member use. Carl is the "go to" guy if you would like to borrow the equipment. 859-466-5700 or cark@fuse.net.

The next meeting: The club is going to meet at the Boone County Nature Center on Camp Ernst Rd. on **JULY 30th** from **6-8p.** (Please note the date & time change) We plan to open a hive so everyone can see what's going on inside and have a discussion or two with some Q&A. It is highly recommended that you bring your "bee gear" with you. We will have refreshments & the business part of the meeting in a nearby shelter. The Nature Center is directly across from Central Park.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Anna Gurley, Secretary NKBA