

Beezette

August, 2022



Warren County Ohio Beekeepers
Meeting at Lebanon Presbyterian Church
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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is **Sunday August 14, 2022** at 1:30, and will meet at the Lebanon Presbyterian Church. Be sure to get a door prize ticket at the sign-in table.

The topic for the August meeting: Successful Overwintering. Our speaker will be Mr. Bob Hooker, from OSBA.

Here is his biography;

Bob Hooker, who began keeping honey bees in the 1970's, operates Daglow Apiary in Franklin County, Ohio. He and his wife Mary, live on a three acre homestead on the southeast side of Columbus where they have a large garden and the apiary. In addition to producing honey and other honey bee products they raise a large portion of the food they eat, practicing sustainable, organic gardening. Bob is past president of the Ohio State Beekeepers Association, the Lorain County (Ohio) Beekeepers Association, the Heartland Beekeepers Association, and the Harrison County Beekeepers Association and currently serves on the Central Ohio Beekeeper's Association (COBA) Board of Directors. He was Harrison County Apiary Inspector for six years. He has been involved in the OSBA Traveling Speakers program since its inception. Bob retired as pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Oberlin, Ohio in 2010 after thirty seven years of pastoral ministry in the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church.

July Meeting: Special thanks to Peggy Garnes for her informative presentation on "Making Bees for Winter"

Door Prize: The July doorprize of a nuc, provided by the club, went to David Koch.

MEMBERSHIP

- Our website is currently being rebuilt. Please be patient, as our Webmaster works to compile and re-create our website. To help work through this time of rebuild, Facebook and email may be used to disseminate current events and other pertinent information. See contact links at the top of the Beezette publication.
- If you have not done so already, renew your WCOB membership now for 2022. Member dues remain the same at \$20/individual and \$25/family. Registration is online. Fill out the form at: www.warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org/membership-application-or-renewal. Payments are made via PayPal, but a PayPal account is NOT required.

CONTRIBUTING THOUGHTS FROM PAUL DORGER:

The average lifespan of a worker bee in summer is six weeks. In the winter, with no foraging activity, a worker's average lifespan will approach 20 weeks - nearly five months. Since it takes 21 days from the time the queen lays a fertilized egg until it emerges as a worker, the eggs your queen lays in August will be the workers that get the colony through the winter.

In August you want to test for varroa mites, and, if necessary, treat using one of the many methods available. Only treat after you remove honey supers. A colony of bees will die during winter due to one of three reasons. First, disease; second, starvation; third, excessive moisture. To prevent starvation lift the back of your hive, if two 10 frame deeps, make sure it weighs at least 60 pounds. If not, you will need to feed sugar syrup, 2 parts sugar to one part water, to assist them.

A good insurance policy is to add a candyboard. The candyboard has two components, one is the candy the second is the frame to hold it. I made my own frames, see below for one that can be purchased, and I only use sugar and water for the candy. I don't add a pollen patty. The hardened sugar will absorb moisture during the winter, a good thing, and by doing so it makes it easier for the bees to consume should they run out of honey. Every time I open a hive in late winter and see how much of the candyboard has been eaten, I am glad I added it.

Good luck.

References:

<https://www.beverlybees.com/beginner-beekeepers-guide/i-want-candy-so-lets-make-a-candyboard-for-winter-feeding/>

CLUB NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Club members with a minimum of three years of beekeeping experience looking to mentor are welcome to fill out a Mentor Form on the club website.
- For members looking for mentors, Go to www.warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org/mentors.
- Calling bee enthusiasts, many hands make light work; please consider getting involved with the club in a volunteer position. A great way to learn and share bee experiences.
- Mark your calendars: the September 11th meeting is a picnic! A great way to give and get bee experience. See details below and RSVP.

Honey Extractor Rental

Warren County Ohio Beekeepers has a honey extractor that can be rented by members for \$5.00 per day. The Maxant 6 frame extractor is stored in a storage unit near Monroe Ohio.

To reserve the extractor go to our website www.warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org. From the menu, select Members>Reserve Honey Extractor. This page will describe the procedure for cleaning the extractor and also allow you to enter your name, email address, date you would like to pick up the extractor and number of days you will be using the extractor.

Once you complete and send the reservation form, our treasurer will verify your membership and availability of the extractor for the desired dates. If all is OK you will receive an email from the treasurer. The email will contain a link to the storage facility contact information. It also will include a password that lets the facility know that you have been approved for the extractor rental. The facility contact will provide you with a temporary gate code for the storage facility, the storage unit number and the location of the key. The extractor has a large wooden platform that should be used as it stabilizes the extractor during operation.

Please return the extractor clean and sanitized per the instructions. Once you have returned the extractor select Members>Return Extractor from the website menu. Once you complete the form on this page you will be directed to Paypal for the rental amount.

Any questions or comments should be directed to wcobeetreasurer@gmail.com.

The Annual Warren County Ohio Beekeepers Picnic

Each year, the Warren County Ohio Beekeepers September meeting is held as a picnic. We hope you will come to share your bee experiences.

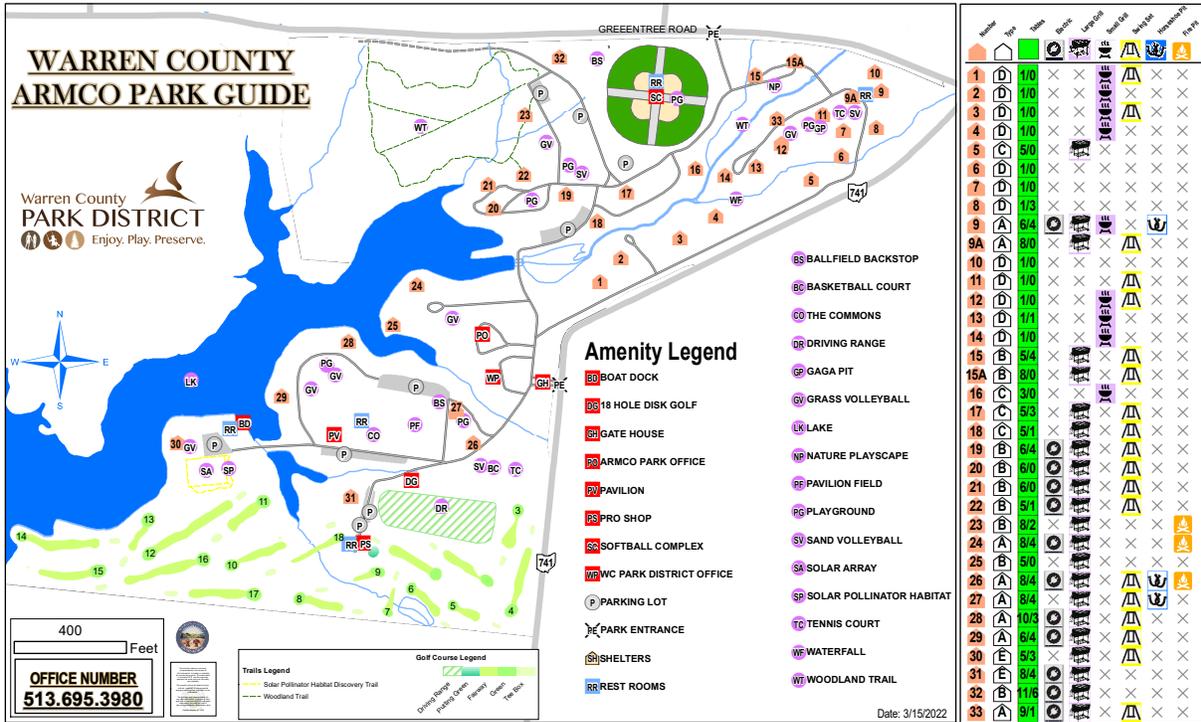
Chicken and cold drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

So that enough food is ordered by the club, *please R.S.V.P. to WARRENCOUNTYOHIOMBEEKEEPERS@GMAIL.COM with the number of adults and children that will attend. Reply is requested by August 7th*

Vendors may also be asked to attend if the response to the picnic is sufficient.

When: Sunday, September 11, 2022 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Warren County Armco Park at 1233 SR 741, Lebanon, Ohio. Site #33.



Balance Sheet
Warren County Ohio Beekeepers
As of July 31, 2022

Assets

Cash and Bank

Cash on Hand	\$37.38
Paypal Account	\$13.50
Sharefax Credit Union	\$18,016.00
Total Cash and Bank	\$18,066.88

Other Current Assets

Total Other Current Assets	\$0.00
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Long-term Assets

Extractor #1	\$1.00
Extractor #2	\$1.00
Total Long-term Assets	\$2.00

Total Assets	\$18,068.88
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Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00
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Long-term Liabilities

Total Long-term Liabilities	\$0.00
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Equity

Retained Earnings

Profit (Loss) between Jan 1, 2022 and July 31, 2022	(\$465.41)
Opening Equity Balance	\$18,534.29

Total Retained Earnings	\$18,068.88
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Total Liabilities and Equity	\$18,068.88
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Profit and Loss
 Warren County Ohio Beekeepers
 July 2022 and 2022 YTD

	July 2022	2022 YTD
Income		
Bee School Memberships -23 members		\$635.00
WCOB Memberships-39 members	\$20.00	\$875.00
Interest Income	\$5.90	\$28.79
Extractor Rental	\$15.00	\$15.00
Total Income	\$40.90	\$1,553.79
Gross Profit	\$40.90	\$1,553.79
Operating Expenses		
Website hosting	\$131.87	\$131.87
Donations		\$300.00
Forms and Stationery		\$120.00
Meeting Door Prizes	\$185.00	\$385.00
OSBA Affiliate Membership Fee		\$231.50
Paypal processing fees	\$1.50	\$84.58
Speaker fees	\$135.00	\$535.00
Speaker travel expense	\$231.25	\$231.25
Total Operating Expenses	\$684.62	\$2,019.20
Net Profit	(\$643.72)	(\$465.41)

Do you have an announcement to include in the Beezette, or a topic you'd like to hear covered at one of our meetings? Do you have ideas to benefit our club members and our bees? Let us know at the next meeting, or reach out to warrencountyohiobeekeepers@gmail.com or find us on FB.

