

**Proposed Agenda**  
**Raleigh County Beekeepers Cooperative Association**  
**Thursday, January 19, 2023**  
**6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Recognitions
  - A. None
5. Communications/Reports
  - A. **2023 RCBCA MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE – PLEASE MAIL YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE OF \$20 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH YOUR APPLICATION..... FORMS ARE LOCATED AT WWW.RALEIGHCOUNTYBEEKEEPERS.COM . YOU CAN ALSO PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE RALEIGH COUNTY BEEKEEPERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION.**
  - B. **Course Offerings / Workshops 2023**
    - 1) Intermediate/Advanced Beekeeping Course – Saturday, March 04, 2023 – Location Raleigh County Schools Central Office – ***Please see the RCBCA webpage under “About Us – Classes” for the class registration form and mailing instructions. Please note that we must have 8-10 participants to hold the class so please sign up as soon as possible if interested.***
    - 2) Raising Your Own Queens Course/Workshop – Friday, May 19, 2023 & Saturday, May 20, 2023 – Class Location Raleigh County Schools Central Office – Workshop Location - RCS School Apiary, Cool Ridge. ***Please see the RCBCA webpage under “About Us – Classes” for the class registration form and mailing instructions. You can also sign up and pay at our online shop on our webpage.***
    - 3) Hands on Workshop: Hive Evaluations/Treatments and Splits – Saturday, April 29, 2023 – RCS Apiary, Cool Ridge.
  - C. Beckley Honey Festival – Saturday, August 19, 2023, Beckley Exhibition Mine
  - D. Discussion about whether to offer a Beginning Beekeeping class.
  - E. **RCBCA/MEMBER COST SHARING OPPORTUNITY – 2LB BAGS OF POLLEN SUB WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FOR \$2.50. THE RCBCA IS PAYING HALF OF THE COST AND MAKING THE POLLEN SUB AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS MORE THAN HALF OFF THE RETAIL PRICE. PICKUP WILL BE AT THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 OR ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2023 BETWEEN 4:30 – 5:30PM AT THE RALEIGH COUNTY SCHOOLS CENTRAL OFFICE. PLEASE SEND YOUR NAME AND NUMBER OF BAGS REQUESTED TO [RALEIGHCOBEES@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RALEIGHCOBEES@GMAIL.COM) – PLEASE BRING EXACT PAYMENT TO THE MEETING OR ON PICKUP DATE. YOU MUST BE A PAID MEMBER OF THE RCBCA TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF COST SHARING OPPORTUNITIES**
  - F. **RCBCA/MEMBER COST SHARING OPPORTUNITY –FORMIC ACID MITE TREATMENTS – AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBERS – RCBCA PAYS ½ OF THE COST OF FORMIC TREATMENT FOR UP TO FIVE HIVES. MEMBER COST WILL BE \$2.75 PER DOSE OR \$13.75 FOR 5 COLONIES. YOU MAY SIGN UP AT THE MEETING AND PAY ONCE THE TREATMENTS ARE RECEIVED.**
  - G. 3lb Packages For Sale – Mark Lilly accepting orders - \$135 per package. Please contact Mark Lilly at (304)-860-9638

- G. Nucs For Sale – Glenn Haga is currently accepting orders for 5 Frame Nucs. Please contact Glenn Haga at (304)-573-1010
  - H. Beekeeping Equipment for Sale – Sean Phelps is taking pre-orders for equipment. The items for sale are:
 

Deeps	\$20
Mediums	\$18
Lids	\$20
Bottoms	\$20

The prices listed are for unpainted assembled pine construction. Items can be painted for an additional \$5 per item. All Items can also be made from Walnut, Ash, Cedar or Maple for an additional \$15 per item. Sean can be reached at 304-860-5849
  - I. USDA Honeybee programs available to Beekeepers, Keith Richmond, New River Area FSA
  - J. WVDA Discussion, Fieldwatch Demo, Research topic update from AIA/ABF Conference, Best Management Practices (time permitting) - Shanda King, WV State Apiarist
6. Unfinished Business
- A. None
7. Policies and Procedures
- A. None
8. Consent Items
- A. Approve minutes of Regular Meeting November 17, 2022
  - B. Future meetings/events: *Regular Meeting – Thursday, February 16, 2023*
  - C. Intermediate/Advanced Beekeeping Course – Saturday, March 04, 2023 – Time 8:30 AM – Location RCS Central Office
  - D. *WVBA Spring Conference – Friday, March 17 & Saturday, March 18, 2023 – Location Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg, WV. Pre-Registration Ends on January 31, 2023*
  - E. *RCBCA Spring Workshop – Hive Evaluations/Treatments/Splits - Saturday, April 29, 2023 – 11:00AM Location RCS Apiary Yard, Weather Permitting*
  - F. *Raise Your Own Queens Course/Workshop – Friday, May 19, 2023 – 6:00PM RCS Central Office & Saturday, May 20, 2023, 11:00AM at the RCS Apiary Yard*
9. New Business
- A. Approve Dates/Fees for Intermediate/Advanced Beekeeping Course
  - B. Approve Dates/Fees for Raising your Own Queens Course
  - C. Approve Renewal of Member Ties Software – Currently \$69 Renewal Fee
  - D. Approve Webmaster Annual Fee of \$120
  - E. Cost – Sharing Opportunity for Members – Approve Purchase of Formic Pro for hive treatments.
  - F. Cost-Sharing Opportunity for Members – Approve Purchase of Pollen Sub
10. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,  
R. Darrin Butcher, Treasurer