

MT. EMPIRE BEEKEEPER'S ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2010
Wytheville Community College
Smyth Hall 122

1. Meeting called to order by Bernie Bradley, President
2. Treasurer's Report – Janice McGrath
 - Current Balance: \$3,175.83
 - Revenue from Beginner's Class: \$1,968.00
 - Fees: \$1,725.00
 - Local Dues: \$183.00
 - State Dues: \$60.00
 - Bernie was offered reimbursement for his expenses pertaining to the Tobacco Grant; Bernie declined the offer
 - Janice reminded members that our year has been changed to a calendar year. Current members who had paid 2009 dues can pay \$5.00 to keep up to date status through December, 2010. Renewal notices will go out in September. Existing members who have not paid the additional \$5.00 by renewal time will be asked to pay a one-time fee of \$16.00 (\$11.00 + \$5.00). New members joining in September or after will be paying for the 2011 calendar year.
3. The Bees:
 - What's happening now? The queens have started laying
 - Honey Bee Anatomy – review of glands
 - What to do next? Treat for tracheal mites with essential oils
 - Treat for Nosema with Fumagilin B
 - Treat for Varroa Mites with powdered sugar
4. TIC Grant Status: 100 beginners have already applied for grant funds
5. VSGA Spring Meeting: participants must register and order lunch at least one week before the event. The registration form will be sent to us and posted on the web site within a couple of weeks.
6. Open Discussion
7. Next meeting will be March 25, 2010 – refreshments by Tim and Hosea Spraker
8. Meeting adjourned
9. Refreshments by Robert & Judy Dalton