

# Mountain City Beekeepers Association

Monthly Meeting Minutes: Saturday, September 14, 2024

Meeting Minutes Prepared By: Chris Slay

## In Attendance:

Cutty Hasker, Whitney Wilson, Janice Friend, Willie Raven, Chris Slay, Chris Laumer, Wendy Laumer, Greg Gentry

## New Members:

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Jessie - [ICFY9691@hotmail.com](mailto:ICFY9691@hotmail.com)

## Old Business:

There was no old business to address.

## New Business:

Introduction of New Members: Tammy, Sam, Misty and Jessie. Welcome!

## Johnson County High School

- MCBA Mentorship has been going well. Janice and Chris filled the group in on the progress. On Friday, September 13, 8 students with teacher Tracy Dugger attended an extraction lesson, led by TBA member Greg, for the 8 frames of capped honey that were able to be robbed from their first-year hives. See Greg's article in TBA's monthly newsletter, The Hive Tool, available at the TBA website.

## Black Jar Honey Contest

- Postponed to 2025 for a more noteworthy experience for judges and the public. Discussion about an Invitational competition for all Johnson County's beekeepers. Plans to have a more informal tasting in-house of each others' were proposed.

## New Monthly Meeting Schedule

- Regular Monthly Meetings have been agreed upon by all members as the first Saturday of the month. Time and location may vary but all members will be notified.

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### New Roles and Responsibilities

- Chris Slay was asked, and accepted, to perform the roles of Secretary and Treasurer until which time unresolved by-laws were constructed to provide guidance to those officers.

### Disease and Pest Management

- Janice led a discussion on the new varroa treatment, VarroXSan. Depending on the need to reduce varroa load, VarroXSan is considered a soft treatment compared to the standards for reducing varroa load within the hive - oxalic, formic, and thymol-based. Please contact Janice if you are interested in giving the treatment a try.

### Registration of Apiaries

- A reminder to register all hives present in the state of TN. It's the law, it's free, and Greg confirmed the process now could be done online. Registering hives has many benefits, including alerts for threatening honey bee diseases (American Foulbrood). Janice reminded the group that registering your apiary could financially reimburse beekeeping equipment loss with limits. Please follow the links below to either complete the free registration online or print the PDF to mail in. To locate the latitude and longitude of your apiary you can access this information on [Google Maps](#).

#### **Tennessee Apiary Registration Benefit:**

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/animals/apiary/apiary-registration.html>

#### **Free Online Registration:**

[https://tnlcp.lcp.tracefirst.com/landing\\_pages/apiary\\_registration/go](https://tnlcp.lcp.tracefirst.com/landing_pages/apiary_registration/go)

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