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**Bee School
Complete
Mentors Needed
Notes from March**

What's Next?

MEETINGS

April 19th, 7pm

May 19th-Field Day

June 21st, 7pm

Sept. 20th-7pm

Oct. 18th-7pm

Nov. 15th-6:30pm-
Harvest Night

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Minutes from March

By Valorie Campbell

The meeting was opened by president, Chris LaSalle with prayer and the pledge to the flag. Dean Gerber gave the treasurers report. Checking has \$1,285.76 and savings has \$4051.27 giving a total of \$5337.03. Dean pointed out that this amount is before the fees and expenses from the bee schools and field day are calculated.

It was noted that the NEIBA is not charged for meeting at the Classic Café and the owner has gone out of his way to accommodate us. For this reason the cost of a complete sound system has been researched as a way to thank the owner.

Chris announced that the total cost of the sound system for the Classic Café would be \$3728.07 and includes a complete sound system, oak podium, and oak sound system cart. The podium and cart will be made by Ted Habegger in exchange for 4 packages of bees.

The podium and cart will be

identical to the one that Classic Café already has. Members will be asked to vote on this at the April meeting. NEIBA could not have rented the Classic Café for the price of the sound system, podium, and sound system cart.

Doug Cheek was nominated for Vice President no vote was taken as he was the only nomination. Mariah stepped down as librarian. Stephanie has offered to be the librarian at this time.

Anyone working the Honey Booth at the state fair that wants to sell honey will need to have a state Board of Health approval and an approved label on their honey jars.

Tony Rekeweg announced the Purdue field day will be June 16th. We will be working one day for the state fair honey booth, volunteers are still needed. He also announced that a Young Beekeepers award is available for high school juniors and seniors.

A beekeeper scholarship from Bayer Corp Science is available for

high school students.

Wildflower seeds can be obtained free of charge if certain criteria can be met. Contact the state bee inspector Kathleen Prough.

The beginner's beekeeping class for Sat. March 17th was full. There were still openings for the intermediate class held on March 24th at the time of the meeting.

At the April meeting Mr. Krispen from Purdue will be speaking about the Purdue queens. May 19th will be the field day for NEIBA with doughnuts being served at 8:00am. A cost has not yet been determined.

Mariah gave thankyou's to everyone that helped with the Home and Garden Show at the Coliseum. The rest of the meeting was donated to the presentation for beginner's night.

Lastly, this newsletter will be the last sent out to members who have not paid their dues for this year. Please see Dean Graber at April's meeting to stay informed!

Beekeeping Class

By Mike Miller

The Beekeeping school was held at Classic Cafe on March 24th. Mike Miller, Walt Schroeder, Dan Schroeder, and Chris LaSalle presented facts and opinions gained from their own experience to a group of twenty 'newbees'.

The class started at 9am and lasted until 4pm. Lunch was provided by Classic Cafe.

A couple of the biggest questions covered at the class was 'how do I

keep my bees alive' and 'why did my bees die?'

At the start of the classes many of the students felt disheartened about the loss of their hives. This slowly changed as the class went on.

Many of the students walked away feeling very rejuvenated and ready to get back at keeping bees. Overall, the classes were a major success.

The winner of this year's nuc award was Lynn DeArmond. Congratulations Lynn and good luck!

Future Topics

April 19 - Purdue queens
Krispn Given

May Field Day Guest speaker
Kathleen Prough,
Chief Apiary Inspector,
Indiana DNR

June 21 - Angry hives and hive
management Glenn Hile

September 20 -- Top bar Hives,
Natural Beekeeping,
and Warre hives

October 18 - Effects of agricultural
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Michele Colopy,
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NEIBA Library

The NEIBA Library has many books and videos addressing different topics in beekeeping. This library is a great resource for our current members. Library materials are available at our meetings. If you have any questions about the library, contact Maraiiah Russell at russellapiaries@gmail.com

Mariaiah donates her time to maintain our library. If you check out materials, please keep track of them and return them in a timely manner. This will help to reduce the load on Maraiiah. Your attention to this will be greatly appreciated.

Anyone who has library materials checked out, please return as soon as possible!

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If you are a beekeeper who has some experience and would be willing to mentor newer members who need help, you can have your name added to the mentor list by contacting Harry Jones 715-1453 or 637-1453. You do not need to be a beekeeping expert to be a mentor, you just need a little experience and a willingness to help others. If you do not have the answer to a particular question, just knowing where to look or who to ask to find the answer will be a great help to the mentee.

Name	Area	Phone	Name	Area	Phone
Bruce Kennedy	Albion	636-7254	Michael Bodeker	Avilla	343-8657 or 637-1453
Mike Miller	Ft. Wayne	493-0481	Dean Gerber	Bluffton	565-3773
Phil Verhoff	Allen Co.	467-0640	Ned Gatchell	Ft. Wayne (NE)	704-3894
Terry Dalrymple	Angola	668-8639	Dean Drudge	Butler	908-2815
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