

TVBC 2024-01 Member Meeting

Attendees: ~90

New Members: ~10

Zoom Attendees: No Zoom this week

Jr. Bee Club Larva: No Jr. BC this week

Welcome by Laura.

OSU Apprentice Grad Recognition - grad (mentor): Shauna (Marc), Silvia (Dick), Robert (Vic), Brian and Jessica (Brenda). The students were great advocates for the program. New badges: Berta and ? (Marc)

Wooden Ware. Mike.

Build-it days (Kevin and Jim). How to build your hive hardware. Two locations - Eagle at Hwy 55 and Beacon Light and Hwy 21 at Warm Springs. Bring your own hardware. February 3 and 10 8am. Sign-up at meeting.

How to get new bees:

- NUCs. Steve Sweet. Bees from Hermiston, OR. First half of April usually. And a little bit of queens, mites and other stuff. Interesting fact, in the US, we don't have any pure lines any more (e.g. Italian, Carneolan, etc. – they are mongrels, although color can vary). \$175
- NUCs. Mike Morrison. Bees from the Treasure Valley. First part of May usually. \$175
- Packages. Mike Morrison. April usually. \$165.
- The [Honey Store](#), Fruitland

Boise Community Ed - Backyard Beekeeping, West Jr. High 6:30-8:30

January 25, 31, February 6 – Signup at Boise Schools Community Ed site.

Workshops. Irene & Garrett. \$10 per workshop plus cost of materials different per session

January 27 - Honey products (9-noon) and mead (1-3)

February 10 - Wax products (9-noon) and bee botanicals (1-3)

Dues are due. Cheddar up, Venmo, Square, Cash. \$20. Laura

Club assets inventory – please let Rena or Ann know. Laura

Mentor Program – see Brooklin. Laura. We received 8 mentor forms and 7 mentee forms.

We have a library. Borrow a book at a meeting, bring it back at a future meeting.

Looking for tech volunteers.

Website goodness coming.

Queen rearing. Marc. Three ways.

1. Grafting (up to 50)
2. Walk away (one)
3. Caging (up to 10) – good happy medium and one our club has some experience with.

February 6 is the Mountain Home club meeting.

Member recognition: Mike Morrison. Terry Fackrel.

President's awards: Marc, Brooklin