

# NWA BEEKEEPERS MONTHLY MEETING

## MARCH 2024

### MINUTES

Jay Davidson, president, opened the meeting with a welcome to those present, followed by announcements:

- Sign up available to volunteer for assisting with snacks
- Slides from meeting presentations may be found on the website under 'RESOURCES'
- Video of meetings may be found on our FACEBOOK LIVE Page and on the YouTube channel
- April Meeting falls on the day of the Eclipse. A show of hands was asked for to determine if people still wanted to have the April meeting - show of hands indicated half of those present. Jay said a notice will be sent out when a final decision was made.  
\*\*\*The Board determined later that week to not meet for April.

Five door prizes were drawn.

DECRYSTALIZING AND CREAMED HONEY presentation by *Winfridus Bakker*

- What causes honey to crystalize
- Methods to de-crystalize honey for maintaining raw honey (no > 110 degrees) and the Dyce Method (145 degrees)

Method for Creamed Honey from crystallized honey using a stand mixer to whip the honey: whip 20 min.; rest 10 min.; whip again 5-10 min. May repeat as needed until fully creamed.

Refrigerate creamed honey.

The main presentation was provided by a guest speaker from Paris Texas. He was introduced by Scott Brinker as a seasoned beekeeper (more than 40 years), actively involved in the Paris Texas Beekeeping Association and a mentor of his.

MAKING SPLITS & INTRODUCING QUEENS presentation by *Randall Childres*

He provided a handout for those present on Making Splits. The presentation is available to be viewed on the NWA Beekeepers YouTube page.

- Discussed honey bee biology in depth
- Making splits during the swarm season
- Walk Away Split
- Walk Away Split with a purchased queen
- Swarm Control Splits
- Caring for your new split
- The importance of replacing a queen
- Introducing virgin queens in hive/nuc

Q &A followed Randall Childres's presentation

Meeting adjourned following Q & A by Jay Davidson

TOTAL PRESENT FOR MEETING: 83 People