

YORK COUNTY BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

# May 2024 Meeting

28 May 2024 / 7:00 PM / Aldersgate Church

## **AGENDA**



- **Welcome - Nathan Pears**
  - NuBee Q&A reminder- 6:30
  - 23 days until Summer solstice
  - Agenda change for the evening
    - Guest speaker goes first
- **Agenda**
  - Guest Speaker: Clare Densley and Martin Hann
    - What the books don't tell you
    - Jeremy Barnes providing intro
  - State of the Bees: Nathan Pears
    - The flow is upon us
      - Some of the best was missed due to the rain
    - Inside hive
      - Brood rearing is still in full swing
        - Taking advantage of the available resources
        - Colony: swarming is still a possibility
          - Tension between incoming nectar and space for queen to lay
          - Brood nest congestion
      - It's starting to get warm
        - Foragers will be starting to look for water as nectar sources diminish
        - Bees will start bearding on the outside to help thermoregulate
    - Need for Club Archivist
      - Digitize items
      - Coordinate items owned by the club; streamline process
- **News & Other Topics**
  - YCBA Summer Picnic
    - June 30th, Valley Run Farms
    - Contact Celia
  - Mentoring Coordinator

- Anna Matthew
  - Email sent to club for those interested in being a mentor
- PSBA Summer Picnic
  - July 30th at Knoebels
- The First One Hundred Years by Jeremy Barnes
- York State Fair
  - July 19 - 28
  - Need volunteers for the YCBA booth
- Plant and Pollinator Protection Act: How a Bill Becomes a Law
  - SB 1198
  - 32 page bill that is an expansion of the previous “Bee Law”
  - More info can be found on the PSBA website
- BIP is no longer administering the annual national loss survey
  - Auburn University is now partnering with Apiary Inspectors of America
    - Compliment the past 15+ years of BIP efforts
  - Complete survey by May 31st
  - Link in minutes
    - [https://auburn.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1Of7rmINhXkUJfM](https://auburn.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Of7rmINhXkUJfM)
- Also Penn State survey to participate in
  - <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/414ea6d8d68147b2a9511bdf93a2ead7>
- Club extractor at Browns
  - Jeremy, Gary and Nathan are familiar with setup and clean up
- **Closing**
  - No June meeting
  - July meeting
    - Guest speaker- Dr. Zac Lamas
  - August meeting
    - Guest speaker- Jenny Warner
      - UMN Bee Lab
      - Founding member of UMN Bee Squad
- **Questions, Comments, Concerns**