

**Tri-County Beekeepers Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 7, 2019**

Board members Bob Cross, Dennis Clark and Deb Cross were present.  
Bob called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Thank you to Jason Nyholm (and helpers) for coordinating the bee orders and pick-up.

Minutes from April were read and approved.  
Treasurer's report read and approved.

**Speaker – Joe Jungwirth**, a Graduate Student whose thesis was completed on **The Effect of Electromagnetic Fields produced by WiFi Routers on the Magnetite Particles of the Italian Honey Bee.**

His findings: There is magnetic substance in bee abdomen (from ingesting pollen). Joe verified size of particles.

No "significant" difference found between particle size before and after exposure to WiFi router EMF.

No "significant" difference found between particle abundance before and after exposure to WiFi router EMF.

Questions were asked and answered.

Bob stated:

- Bee box return at June 4 meeting.

**Committee Reports**

- Mary Kivi– library is set up tonight.
- Swarm Committee reported on activity from 2018.

**Discussion**

- Roger made some boxes using 7 frames instead of 10 making the hives taller and thinner. He will make honey boxes thinner also which will make them more lightweight. He'll keep us posted on how that works.
- Member states some mold was found on his frames. The bees will clean it up!
- Member wonders if he should continue to feed? If they are still drawing comb, continue to feed.
- A dandelion has been spotted!

**Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning balance: \$7805.80  
+ \$90 for new members  
Ending balance: \$7895.80

Motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.