



METRO BEEKEEPERS

Metro Beekeepers Association Annual Report 2022



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2022 MBA Summary



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MBA Purpose



- **Share the importance of bees to growing fruits, vegetables, flowers, & to the environment**
- **Share methods of beekeeping & honey production**
- **Promote beekeeping in the Fort Worth area**
- **Attract and train future beekeepers in the science & craft of beekeeping**
- **Visitors & new Members are Welcome!**
- **Monthly meetings, with Speakers, Q&A, snacks, socializing**
- **Beekeeping Classes**
- **Youth Scholarship Program**
- **Visit an apiary (honeybee yard)**
- **Members & Donations support our programs**
- **We're a non-profit 501c3**



You Could Be a Beekeeper!

Programs in 2022 Meetings



- **Interesting Speakers**
- **This Month In-the-Hive, Plant of the Month**
- **Youth Scholarship presentations**

Mon	Speaker	Topic
Jan	Killingsworth, Gretchen & Russ	Backyard Beekeeping, Our Approach & Experiences
Feb	Cushion, Gene	Using essential oils in the hive as part of an active IPM
Mar	Panel	Panel on Swarming, Terry Leggett, Brent Husted, Gary Dilling
Apr	Compton, Byron	2nd year of beekeeping
May	Giesecke, Ryan	Why Don't Worker Bees Revolt? Kin Selection in Honey Bees
Jun	Alcorn, Jerry	A Consumers Guide to Honey
Jul	Campbell, Jeremy	How to identify a declining hive and what to do about it
Aug	Compton, Byron	Treatments for Varroa & Small Hive Beetles
Sep	Miller, Laura	Bee-Friendly plants & harmful plants
Oct	Husted, Brent	Apiary Winter Preparations
Nov	Baughman, Christi	Planning for spring in your apairy: To split or make honey?
Dec	none	Dinner, silent auction, slides, Q&A

Youth Scholarships



- **Youth Leader: Katrina Semones**
- **4 youth completed scholarships**
 - **Elijah, Olivia, Silas ,Sam**
 - **Bee hive woodenware (10 frame deep & medium)**
 - **Clothing (suit, gloves)**
 - **Tools (hive tool, brush, smoker)**
 - **5 frame Nuc (nucleus of bees)**
 - **Class with book**
 - **MBA Membership for their family**
 - **Youth Leader & Mentor as guides**
- **March: Built hive boxes. Painted boxes.**
- **April: Hive painting competition video released**
- **May: Picked up Nucs & installed in the hives**
- **Students provided verbal reports with photos**



**Funded by MBA Members as part of our charter
to promote beekeeping, and by ...**



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HOME

SHOP

STORE LOCATIONS AND HOURS AND POLICIES

TEXAS BEE SUPPLY MONTHLY MAGAZINE

BEEKEEPERS BLOG

HIVE AND NUC PURCHASE INFORMATION

VIDEO BLOG

(800) 356-4229



FREE SHIPPING

on most orders over \$50!

Thank you to TEXAS BEE SUPPLY for donating suits, gloves, woodenware, & tools for Youth Scholarships!

2022 MBA Youth Scholarship Student Hives



2022 MBA Youth Scholarship Students



Olivia

Elijah

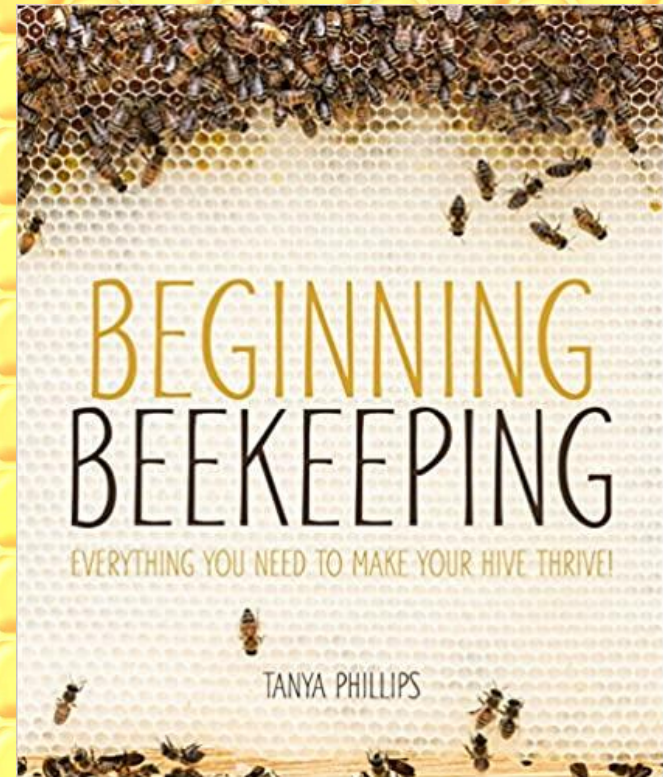
Sam

Silas

Beginner Beekeeping Class of 2022



- **18 students, including 5 youth scholarships**
 - **11 sessions. Online Jan-Nov**
 - **Taught by Gretchen Killingsworth**
 - 1. Introductions, Overview, Bee Info**
 - 2. Hive Types & Location**
 - 3. Tools & Protective Clothing**
 - 4. Installing Nuc, Swarm, or Package**
 - 5. Inspecting & Maintaining**
 - 6. Pests & Diseases**
 - 7. Swarms, Capturing & Prevention**
 - 8. Troubleshooting/Problem Solving**
 - 9. Harvesting**
 - 10. Preparing for Winter**
 - 11. Seasonal Beekeeping, Resources**
- Book: Beginning Beekeeping, by Tanya Phillips**



Web/Social Media



- **Robert Morrow, Webmaster**
- **MBA Home Page**
 - **Join/Renew, Youth Scholarships, Class, Officers, Bee Removal, Extractor, FAQ**
 - **<https://metrobeekeepers.net/>**
- **Facebook page**
 - **MBA Announcements**
 - **<https://www.facebook.com/metrobeekeepers>**
- **Facebook Group, 1800 members**
 - **Members share ideas, information, etc.**
 - **<https://www.facebook.com/groups/62625793131>**

Financial Report



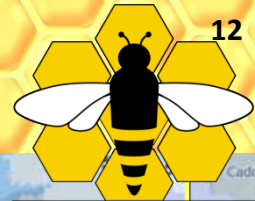
Beginning Balance	\$ 13,375
Ending Balance	\$ 15,860
Income for year	\$ 9,412
Expense for year	\$ 7,041
Income - Expense	\$ 2,371

Income by Category	Amount
Class	\$ 2,095
Member dues	\$ 2,100
Auction	\$ 1,942
Gifts	\$ 3,275
Total Income	\$ 9,412

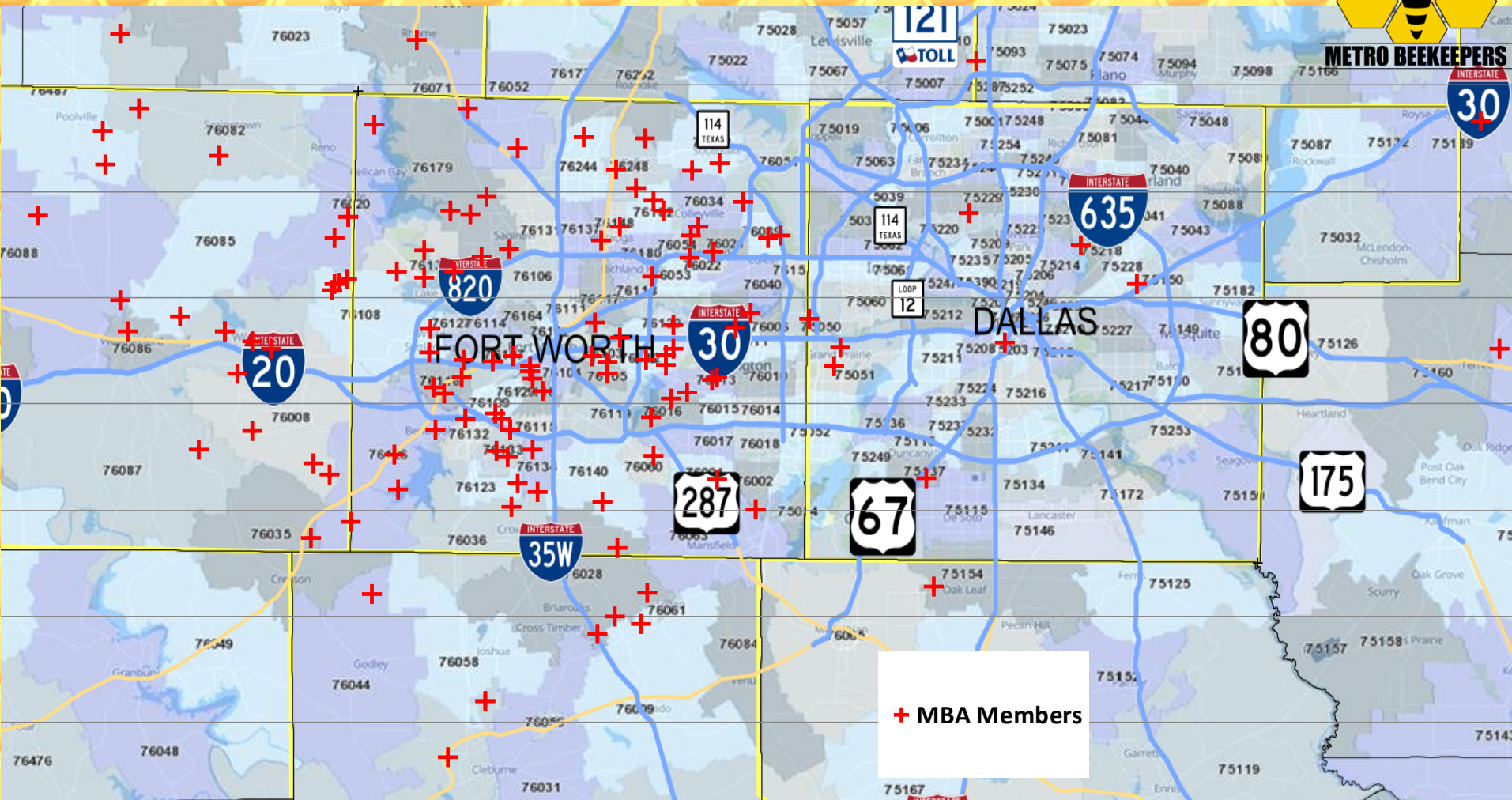
Expense by Category	Amount
Venue	\$ 3,180
Scholarships	\$ 1,000
Speaker	\$ 912
Insurance	\$ 545
Class	\$ 220
Website	\$ 109
Postage	\$ 162
PayPal	\$ 124
Lawyer	\$ 100
Square	\$ 32
Membership	\$ 100
Zoom	\$ 96
TBA Texas Beeks	\$ 50
Misc	\$ 177
Auction	\$ 236
Total Expenses	\$ 7,041

- **Net increase due to generous gifts & silent auction in Dec mtg**
- **MBA uses Cash Method of accounting.**
 - Transactions are booked in the month money is received or paid.
 - Venue cost for one year is \$2,400
 - Venue payments in 2022 included charges that normally would have been paid in 2021, but were delayed due to not meeting in person in 2021.
 - Payments in 2022 also include 1st quarter of 2023.
- **Scholarships**
 - Amount shown includes costs of bees (nucs)
 - Texas Bee Supply donated equipment, suits, & tools (not included in totals shown)
- **Report submitted by Russ Killingsworth, 2022 MBA Treasurer (acting)**

Membership



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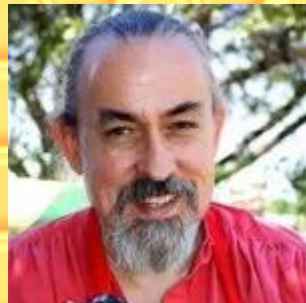
- **180 MBA Member households cover wide area**
- **Members can opt in to share email & zip code, to help coordinate visits to bee yards, share equipment, etc**

2022 Board of Directors

Thanks to the volunteers!



Russ Killingsworth
President



Richard Threlkeld
Vice President



Charles Seargeant
Secretary

Mark
started the
year, then
moved in
June out of
state

Treasurer



Katrina Semones
Youth Coordinator



Brent Husted
Programs



Robert Morrow
*Webmaster / Social
Media*



Gary Dilling
Membership

2022 Business Meeting



- **Business meeting held 13 Nov 2022**
 - **As part of regular monthly mtg**
- **Thanked the 2022 Board**
- **Meet the volunteer candidates for 2023 Board**
- **Opened for volunteers or nominations**
- **Board positions had one candidate, so voting was done by voice vote rather than written ballot**
- **2023 Board was approved**
- **Floor was opened for new business**
- **Business meeting was closed**

The Future

- **MBA continues dedication to our 4 missions**
 - **Share the importance of bees**
 - **Share methods of beekeeping & honey production**
 - **Promote beekeeping in the Fort Worth area**
 - **Attract and train future beekeepers**
- **2023 Plans**
 - **Already awarded 7 new Youth Scholarships**
 - **Planning monthly programs**
 - **Beginner classes**
 - **Web / Social Media presence**
- **We'd love to hear your suggestions**



**MBA Relies on Member's Support
Thank You!**