



METRO BEEKEEPERS

Metro Beekeepers Association Annual Report 2023

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2023 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**
- **Monthly meetings, Speakers, Q&A, sharing, snacks**
– **Visitors & new Members are Welcome!**
- **Website & Social Media**
- **Beekeeping Classes**
- **Youth Scholarships**
- **Visit an apiary (honey bee yard)**
- **Members & Donations support our programs**
- **We're a non-profit 501c3 (EIN 36-4916556)**
- **All are volunteers**



You Could Be a Beekeeper!

Programs in 2023 Meetings



- **Program Director: Brent Husted**
- **Interesting Speakers**
- **This Month In-the-Hive, Plant of the Month**
- **Youth Scholarship presentations**

Mon	Speaker	Topic
Jan	Leggett, Terry	Swarm & Swarm Prevention
Feb	Killingsworth, Russ	Beekeeping Controversies
Mar	Dilling, Gary	Inspections, Tour of Equipment
Apr	Giesecke, Ryan	One Million Ways To Kill Your Bees
May	de Oliveira, Angelo & Andrea	Beekeeping in Portugal
Jun	Killingsworth, Gretchen	MBA Class Field Trips
Jul	Campbell, Jeremy	Hive Nutrition and Timing
Aug	Lagrange, Shannon	Decoding the Hive
Sep	Panel: Charles Seargeant, Gary Dilling, Keith Miller	Open Q&A
Oct	Townsend, Kim	Live bee rescues, removals, relocations
Nov	Godard, Byron	HH Honeyfarms
Dec	None	Dinner, slides, Bingo

Youth Scholarships



- **Youth Leader: Katrina Semones**
- **7 youth scholarships: Violette, Luke, Jonathan F, Jonathan M, Tatum, Davin, Zoe**
 - **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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Supplies, Live Bees, Webinar



2024 GOLDEN CORDOVAN MARKED QUEEN



2024 ITALIAN CARNIOLAN QUEEN



2024 CARNIOLAN MARKED QUEEN SHIPPING



2024 AFB INOCULATED MARKED ITALIAN QUEEN (SHIPPING INCLUDED)



2024 RUSSIAN/CARNIOLAN MARKED QUEEN
SHIPPING INCLUDED

**Thank you to
THE BEE SUPPLY
for donating toward clothing
& equipment for MBA Youth
Scholarships!**

2023 MBA Youth Scholarship Students



Luke

Davin

Jonathan F.

Zoe

Jonathan M.

Violette

Tatum



Beginner Beekeeping Classes

- **Develop & sharpen beekeeping skills, or just learn**
 - **Bee biology & life cycle**
 - **Hive types**
 - **Where to locate hives**
 - **Tools, equip, clothing, safety**
 - **Install Nuc, Package, Swarm**
 - **Inspecting & maintaining**
 - **Pest & disease mngmnt**
 - **Troubleshooting**
 - **Harvesting, Selling**
 - **Prep for winter**
 - **Field trip, hands-on**
 - **Other resources**
- **In-person, 2nd Mondays Jan-Nov, 5:30p, Southside Preservation, 1519 Lipscomb St, Ft Worth, 76104**
- **Online makeup, usually the following Thursday at 7pm**
- **Book, charts, notes, 2 sessions, you won't miss anything**
- **Teacher: Gretchen, 11 yrs backyard beekeeping**
- **Cost for members: \$125. 2nd person in household \$95.**
- **40 students in 2023, incl 6 youth scholarships**
- **Several Field Trips, inspections, honey harvests**

Good Reviews by Students!

MBA Class Field Trips

• 4 bee yards

21 Oct, Glen



27 May, Cindy, 8 hives



3 June, Brent, >20 hives



1 June, Gretchen, 4 hives

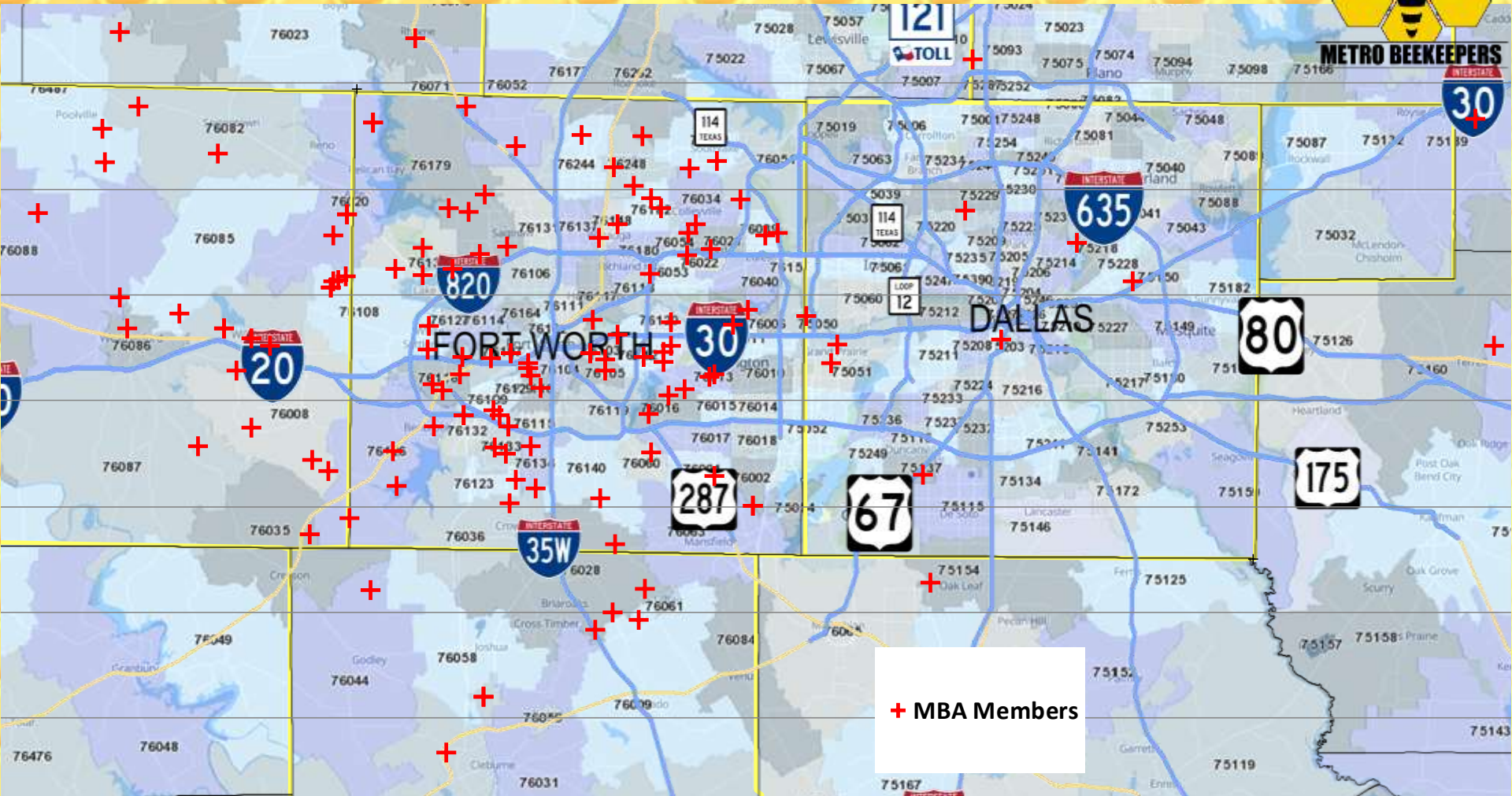


Web/Social Media



- **Keith Miller, Webmaster**
- **MBA Home Page**
 - **Join/Renew, Youth Scholarships, Class, Officers, Bee Removal, Extractor**
 - **Resources, Past programs**
 - **<https://metrobeekeepers.net/>**
- **Facebook page**
 - **MBA Announcements**
 - **<https://www.facebook.com/metrobeekeepers>**
- **Facebook Group, 1800 members**
 - **Members share ideas, information, etc.**

Membership



+ MBA Members

- **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**

Financial Report



Beginning Balance	\$ 15,905
Ending Balance	\$ 15,497
Income for year	\$ 6,936
Expense for year	\$ 7,344
Income - Expense	\$ (408)

Income by Category	Amount
Class	\$ 3,850
Member dues	\$ 2,655
Auction	\$ -
Gifts	\$ 431
Total Income	\$ 6,936

Expense by Category	Amount
Venue	\$ 1,900
Scholarships	\$ 2,571
Speaker	\$ 515
Insurance	\$ 653
Class	\$ 230
Website	\$ 165
Postage	\$ 209
PayPal	\$ 107
Lawyer	\$ 100
Square	\$ 9
Membership	\$ 96
Zoom	\$ 186
TBA Texas Beeks	\$ 50
Misc	\$ 323
Prizes	\$ 230
Total Expenses	\$ 7,344

- **MBA uses Cash Method of accounting.**
 - **Transactions are booked in the month money is received or paid.**
- **Scholarships**
 - **Amount shown includes costs of bees (nucs) & partial costs of equipment, suits & tools**
 - **The Bee Supply donated toward equipment, suits, & tools (not included in totals shown)**
- **Report submitted by Russ Killingsworth, 2023 MBA Treasurer**

2023 Board of Directors

Thanks to the volunteers!



Russ Killingsworth
President

open
Vice President



Charles Seargeant
Secretary



Russ Killingsworth
Treasurer



Katrina Semones
Youth Coordinator



Brent Husted
Programs



Keith Miller
*Webmaster /
Social Media*



Gary Dilling
Membership

2023 Business Meeting



- **Business meeting held 13 Nov 2023**
 - **As part of regular monthly mtg**
- **Thanked the 2023 Board**
- **Meet the volunteer candidates for 2024 Board**
- **Opened for volunteers or nominations**
- **Board positions each had one candidate, so voting was done by voice vote rather than written ballot**
- **2024 Board was approved**
- **Floor was opened for new business**
- **Business meeting was closed**

The Future

- **MBA continues dedication to our missions**
 - **Share the importance of bees**
 - **Share methods of beekeeping & honey production**
 - **Promote beekeeping in the Fort Worth area**
 - **Attract and train future beekeepers**
- **2024 Plans**
 - **Already awarded 3 new Youth Scholarships**
 - **Planning monthly programs**
 - **Beginner classes**
 - **Web / Social Media presence**
- **We'd love to hear your suggestions**



**MBA Relies on Member Support.
Thank You!**