

## **Beekeeper Brainstorm**

Question #3

**What should HABA STOP, START, or CONTINUE to do in regards to service to our members?**

### **STOP:**

- putting the coffee in an awkward place
- de nada - HABA is almost perfect
- don't know
- presentation technical difficulties
- serving weak coffee
- starting late
- making the old guys do these activities - it makes them grouchier

### **START:**

- live demos
- five minute member telling their history
- research projects
- exhibit at fairs
- monthly meeting - thing beekeeper made to show
- Local resource list
- videos - youtube of meetings
- mentoring program
- it would be nice to have a tour of GVSU apiary
- at beginning of meeting: welcome new guests
- serve decaf coffee
- maybe honey sharing - bring a bottle - get a bottle

- mentor program - although maybe already in the works
- encourage contributions (\$)
- advertising
- have break out sessions for members who are not interested in meeting topic - another room maybe to just brainstorm/discuss
- have questions after all meetings on any subject
- mentoring
- set up a training programs for mentoring - how & how not to
- queen classes
- help, teach, coaching
- good information through Facebook, Instagram
- more outside resources for information
- training videos on website
- mentoring with long time keepers
- bring in old magazines or books to borrow & check out & return
- more opportunity to buy/sell equipment
- more field days / hands on
- mentoring program
- sharing of American Bee Journal / Bee Culture
- out of state speakers
- youth beekeeping program
- Tulip Time Parade participation
- try to make mentoring easier or more possible

## **CONTINUE:**

- annual picnic
- December meeting
- summer/spring demos at member houses/properties
- monthly meetings
- banquet
- bee school
- website
- draw on experience of members
- bring in outside presenters to give a broader view
- high caliber speakers
- website
- monthly meetings
- banquet
- use of power point
- expert talks
- national information on mites
- classified on website
- swarm listing on website
- monthly meetings
- hands on sessions from this summer
- coffee
- use Facebook page more often
- everyone loves snacks!!
- high quality speakers on a variety of bee related topics

- hands on opportunities - classes
- workshops & outside speakers
- good information through Facebook - instagram
- workshops
- encouragement
- nametags
- refreshments / snacks at meetings
- time of meetings
- expand refreshments
- more hands on workshops, more demos
- good speakers - please continue this!
- monthly programs - don't feel like every topic has to be new & never done before. Even medium-leveled keepers like to hear fresh viewpoints on familiar topics.
- weekend workshops - we want to go to different apiaries - they were great!!
- ditto above
- already the speakers are interesting & offer a wealth of knowledge. 😊

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