MASTER BEEKEEPER PREPARED QUESTION 2022

You are now a Master Beekeeper! As a certified beekeeping expert in your community, you are contacted by the local high school, which has a Biology Education-sponsored beekeeping program whose student participants have dubbed themselves the “Bee Team.” Parents are frustrated with the cost of replacing losses of student colonies over winter and are demanding a new approach. Up until now, the Bee Team students have not been allowed to use pharmaceuticals on school grounds, but parents and students alike are aware of the damage *varroa* mites are likely causing; and requesting the school rethink the policy. Some parents believe in considering legal treatments, others are extremely opposed.

\*Prepare an outline explaining IPM, *varroa* mites and monitoring techniques, available control products, consideration for product selection, and safety, including PPE.

\*You will be pitching your outline to the Bee Team academic advisors and the school principal for approval and questions prior to a **future** presentation to the Bee Team members and their parents.

\*You have been scheduled for a five (5) minute overview talk at the next School Policy meeting.