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# 5CBA Meeting Minutes – January 2016

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## Call to order

A meeting of the 5CBA was held at The Lodge at Bennett Bunn Plantation on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7pm. Gov called meeting to order.

Gov asked new officers to stand when their name was called so club members would know who they were. Gov also thanked last year's officers, with club giving them a nice round of applause.

Gov Wallace welcomed our guests, asked them to introduce themselves and speak briefly about their interest in beekeeping.

## Approval of minutes

The December 2015 minutes, as posted on web site, were approved by general consensus.

## Reports

Treasurer's Report: 5CBA book balance as of 12/31/15 was \$1,836.42

## Unfinished business

### **Audited Books**

It was announced that the books had been presented to directors for auditing.

Rex Barber said the directors had reviewed the books and he made a motion to accept the books as presented. C.L. Gobble seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

### **New By-laws**

Gov recommended that the changes to the by-laws that are highlighted in red in the document now be changed to black and posted on the Web site, since they have been reviewed and approved.

### **Hive expansion project**

Tim Huffman expanded the concept of a two-year hive expansion project that would be used as a "hands on" teaching tool for beginners, hopefully create honey for the club in year two and ultimately provide the 5CBA with its own apiary. Discussion included:

- Tim and Suzy Spencer ran some preliminary numbers for the cost of the project, currently estimating it at \$5,000; including a hefty sugar budget which would be needed to accomplish the splits needed to rapidly grow the apiary.

- Sponsors (club members and/or outside parties) probably will be needed to make project economically viable. Several club members asked how that might look. Further thought and discussion needed.
- Need to have a commitment by May, when 1<sup>st</sup> split hopefully would occur, but preparation should occur before.

The preliminary draft phases are:

- Phase 1 – Take nuc to double deep by middle of May
  - Phase 2 – Split into 4 singles
  - Phase 3 – Add deep (double deep) in mid-June
  - Phase 4 – Split again in mid-September
  - Phase 5 – Have up to 12 single deeps to “over-winter”
  - Phase 6 – In year two add double deeps and honey supers
- Call to action. Tim said in order for project to be viable the club needed to create a committee of at least three people, including beginners, as committed drivers of the project. Tim and other more experienced beekeepers also need to commit as mentors. Club members were asked to reach out to Tim if they were interested in serving on the Hive Expansion Project Committee.

## New Business

### EC’s Ability to Approve Club Funds

Rex Barber was given the floor and mentioned the club’s ability to spend up to \$50 in club funds per item presented a loophole where the EC theoretically could spend the entire bank balance, \$50 at a time, without club approval. It was reiterated that the EC has not abused this power, but recommended we close the loophole. Based on discussions at the January EC meeting, it was thought that a cumulative \$300 annual spending cap by the EC should be set.

Rex made a motion to set the cumulative annual spending cap by the EC to \$300.

C.L. Gobble seconded the motion. Discussion: Shannon Baxter asked about recurring costs. It was clarified that this would not affect recurring costs, simply expenses authorized by the EC without a club vote. Motion carried unanimously.

### Short Brantley

Tim shared the sad news of the passing of Jerry Mack “Short” Brantley and how he was the driving force in creating the 5CBA. He also announced that the EC approved \$50 towards a peace lily, “telling the bees” ribbon and other bee related designs for his funeral.

## Program

### Beekeeping Equipment

Steve Baxter gave a presentation on Beekeeping Equipment, including supers of different sizes, different bottom boards, feeders, quilt box, traps (beetle, pollen), swarm catching equipment, etc.

## Announcements and Raffle

The following announcements were made:

- Magnus spoke briefly about the bee presentation he made at his children's school and encouraged others to do the same. If you bring an observation hive, he recommended saving it until last.
- What to do with hives – Shannon Baxter spoke about quilt boards and making sure wood chips are kept dry.
- Gov Wallace mentioned the State Spring Meeting is February 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> and encourage club members to attend.
- Several door prizes were raffled.

## Adjournment

Gov Wallace ended the meeting at 8:47pm. Our next meeting will be February 16, 2016 at 7pm.

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Secretary

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Date of approval