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# 5CBA Meeting Minutes – February 2016

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## Call to order

A meeting of the 5CBA was held at The Lodge at Bennett Bunn Plantation on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 7pm. Club Co-President Gov Wallace called meeting to order.

Gov asked who brought refreshments and door prizes and thanked them for their contributions.

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

## Approval of minutes

The January 2016 minutes, as posted on web site, were approved by general consensus.

## Reports

Treasurer's Report – Suzy Spencer: 5CBA book balance as of 1/31/16 was \$2,056.42

Director Rex Barber read the Thank You letter from Short Brantley's family.

## Unfinished business

### Hive Expansion Project

Co-president and Program Director Tim Huffman led a discussion on the proposed club hive expansion project which would give beginning beekeepers hands on experience by creating and expanding a 5CBA apiary. He mentioned there already were 15 people that expressed interest. The project would use 10 frame deeps, with the goal of expanding one nuc this Spring into 12 honey producing colonies by next year. Kim Underhill asked if there were plans to inspect the hives. The project still seeks two more initial sponsors and there are several options for the location, but it has not yet been decided.

A motioned was made, seconded, discussion requested, and then passed approving up to \$170 in club funds be used as a hive sponsor.

## New Business

### Idea of a 50/50 Raffle

Secretary David Arnold explained the concept of a 50/50 raffle, brought up in the February EC meeting, where tickets could be sold to club members and a drawing would be held at the end of the meeting. 50% of raffle proceeds would go to the winner and the remaining 50% would be used as a "Honey Fund" specifically earmarked to support the club hive expansion project.

## **NCSBA Golden Achievement Program (GAP)**

David Arnold and Suzy Spencer handed out the GAP summary of activities and points grid and gave an overview of the GAP program which recognizes Chapters that made significant accomplishments in support of North Carolina beekeeping throughout the year.

A motion was made, seconded, discussed and passed for 5CBA to participate in the 2016 GAP, and gave Suzy Spencer a vote of confidence to submit a 2015 notebook on behalf of the 5CBA at the Spring conference.

## **5CBA T-Shirt Sales**

A show of hands confirmed substantial interest in selling for 5CBA t-shirts, hats etc. Kelly Allen agreed to head up this effort again over the next several months.

## **What we should be doing in our hives?**

Master Beekeeper Kim Underhill discussed what we should be doing in our hives and with our bees. Some items mentioned were:

- Cold, wet bees = dead bees
- If temperature in the 60s could see purging flights
- Get food to bees. Homemade fondant.
- Get equipment ready – build frames now
- Read quality books, be leary of information on Internet
- Beekeeping calendar

## **Program**

### **Coming Out of Winter, Prepping for Honey Flow and Swarms**

Wake County Beekeeper Ben “Mr. Buzz” Crowley presented our program on coming out of winter, prepping for honey flow and swarms. The presentation included wonderful pictures, information and stories from Ben’s experiences throughout his many years as a beekeeper. This included urban beekeeping and swarm catching equipment and techniques.

## **Announcements and Door Prizes**

The following announcements were made:

- The NCSBA Spring Meeting dates were mentioned and a show of hands of attendees was requested.
- Ray Hunt, President of the Johnston County Beekeepers Association, announced their Bee School which runs for three successive Saturdays beginning on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Door prizes were given out, with each contributor being thanked as the winner for their item was drawn.

## Adjournment

Gov Wallace ended the meeting at 8:53pm. Our next meeting will be March 15, 2016 at 7pm.

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Secretary

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Date of approval