
5CBA Meeting Minutes – March 2016

Call to order

A meeting of the 5CBA was held at The Lodge at Bennett Bunn Plantation on Tuesday, March 15, 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 February 2016 minutes, as posted on web site, were approved by general consensus.

Reports

Treasurer's Report – Suzy Spencer, 5CBA Treasurer: 5CBA bank balance as of 2/29/16 was \$2,256.42.

Membership - Suzy Spencer mentioned if you haven't yet joined NC State Beekeepers for the year to do so online rather than through the Chapter to ensure you are included in their directory.

Bee School – Lane Kreitlow – Bee School will be Saturday, April 2nd at The Lodge. Must be a Member of 5CBA and pay \$5 for workshop. Attendee should also purchase (or have) First Lessons in Beekeeping by Keith Delaplane (book \$8:50, discounted price from Bailey's Bees). Attendees should try to read book before seminar. The goal is to help prepare new beekeepers for Tim's hive expansion project and prepare people for the State Certified Beekeeper written exam; although the exam itself will not be administered at the end of the class.

Swarm List – Director Rex Barber – Rex announced he has volunteered to maintain club swarm list. Anyone interested can add their name to the list; including name, phone, cut out yes/no, and maximum swarm height you'll handle.

NCSBA Golden Achievement Program (GAP)

Suzy Spencer handed out our 5CBA Individual GAP Activities for 2016 form for members to fill out individual activities. Suzy reviewed the individual tasks on the form. Suzy reminded people that only one club can use the activities/points.

Tip of the Month – Tim Huffman, club co-president and program director – If you don't have any foundation, you can wire a frame and place it between frames of already drawn out comb.

Unfinished business

Hive Expansion Project

Co-president and Program Director Tim Huffman led a discussion on the club hive expansion project. Tim confirmed that everyone involved in project is receiving project information, most recently the QA document. If not, email Tim. Need 12 sponsors, currently have five. Sponsors donate assembled hardware for one hive and is loaning it to club for up to a year and a half. Sponsors should receive their equipment back, hopefully with bees, at the end of the project. Tim outlined highlights of project Phases.

New Business

Newsletter

David Arnold, 5CBA Secretary, announced the idea of creating a 5CBA newsletter. He provided a list of possible topics and then asked for anyone interested in helping to contact him, as we would need a committee of at least three members to spearhead the project. He also asked for ideas on other topics/categories for a newsletter.

Program

Hive Maintenance, Pest Control and the “Top 7 Ways to Kill Bees”, Will Hicks, NC Bee Inspector for Eastern Piedmont

Spring. Should consider to continue feeding now, as Spring nectar flow not yet in full swing. Noted starvation was bigger issue than usual, summer is like mini-winter at times. OK to switch boxes anytime. Discussed varroa, feeding and swarm prevention. Some top way to “kill” bees are: varroa, starvation, wet and cold bees, queen health, Sevin dust (and other pesticides), poor ventilation.

Announcements and Door Prizes

The following announcements were made:

- Gov Wallace mentioned Propolis and Pollen free seminar on March 17th.
- Worker and drone cell examples at front of room.
- 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 8:44pm. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 19, 2016 at 7pm.

Secretary

Date of approval