
5CBA Meeting Minutes – April 2016

Call to order

A meeting of the 5CBA was held at The Lodge at Bennett Bunn Plantation on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm. 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 March 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 3/31/16 was \$2,339.20. Suzy confirmed that books are open for review by anyone. It does not include Bee School, which occurred in April and is expected to show a small profit.

Suzy made a **motion to approve reimbursement of \$56.61 in expenses related to the bee school**. It was seconded. Discussion was requested, however there was none. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Gov Wallace announced that the Executive Committee (EC) approved reimbursement of \$35.91 in incidental refreshment expenses at its last meeting. Approximately \$86 of the \$300 annual allowance of the EC has been spent this year to date.

Bee School – Lane Kreitlow – Bee School was held Saturday, April 2nd at The Lodge. Lane gave a brief overview of school. She and Suzy acknowledged 5CBA member instructors, and she requested feedback on what people liked and what could be approved upon (Suzy emailed survey to participants). She mentioned they plan to have coffee next time.

Tip of the Month – Lift hive bodies off of hive, do not slide them. Tim Huffman showed video from Hive Increase Project field day where hive body was slid across another hive body, rolling/crushing bees and how quickly it angered the bees. Always have your suit close by if not already on. Lane Kreitlow added to take off rings in case of bee sting and fingers quickly swell.

Unfinished business

Hive Expansion Project

Gov Wallace commented the project is taking on life of its own. He further explained \$170 was

previously approved to get project started. So far \$21.31 of that has been spent. There are no plans to spend any more of that allotment.

We do not have enough money in treasury to pay for everything forecasted for next 18 months and keep reserve funds, therefore a **motion was made by Tim Huffman for Phase II, to spend up to \$300 for equipment and up to \$600 for sugar (\$900 total) covering expected needs from now through 12/31/2016.** Motion was seconded, discussion was requested but there was none. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Gov commented that the expectation is to be able to vote on final \$350 of estimated need at the end of this year. At completion of project and the sale of honey, we expect to get back more money than was spent on the project.

Sugar Fund

Secretary David Arnold made a **motion that a separate “Sugar Fund” jar be added to the sign-in table at the monthly meetings for anonymous donations.** One hundred percent of funds collected would go to offset Hive Increase Project sugar costs. If \$600 (expected sugar needs) is reached the fund will be shut down. Motion was seconded. Discussion was requested. Question was raised if people could donate actual bags of sugar. It was decided that logistics of storing sugar would not make that idea practical. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

New Business

Club Tax Identification Number (FEIN) and Possible Nonprofit Designation

Gov Wallace commented that we cannot use the NCSBA tax identification number (FEIN), so we must get our own. Also, we are investigating the possibility of filing for a nonprofit status to allow tax deductible contributions, e.g. 501(c)(3). Additional information will be provided as the process progresses.

Program

Pollination by Larry Green.

Larry Green, owner of TLC Bees in Wake Forest, gave a presentation on pollination. He and his family are long-time beekeepers. They provide commercial pollination services and produce honey. He shared real world stories of the pros and cons of beekeeping on this small to medium commercial scale as compared to hobbyist beekeeping.

Announcements and Door Prizes

The following announcements were made:

- Tim Huffman presented NC State Journey Beekeeper Certificate to Lane Kreitlow.
- NC Beekeeper license plates are being sent out for pre-orders.

- Magnus Ullberg is developing a Web forum to be linked to our Web site.
- Bill Maars mentioned agricultural and educational lease possibilities from State to locate bee hives. Recommended Tim Huffman contact Chris for details.
- Tom Hendrickson has extra free equipment on table near front gate for people interested.

Adjournment

Gov Wallace ended the meeting at 8:31pm. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 7pm.

Secretary

Date of approval