
5CBA Meeting Minutes – May 2016

Call to order

A meeting of the 5CBA was held at The Lodge at Bennett Bunn Plantation on Tuesday, May 17, 2016. Club Co-President Gov Wallace called meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

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 April 2016 minutes had not been posted on the web site for a sufficient length of time, therefore their approval was deferred until the June meeting.

Reports

Treasurer's Report – Suzy Spencer, 5CBA Treasurer: 5CBA bank balance as of 4/30/16 was \$2,449.47. The primary sources of funds were membership fees and the bee school. The primary uses of funds were equipment for the Hive Increase Project (HIP) and some expenses related to bee school. The bee school turned a small profit itself.

Tip of the Month – Make sure your bees have space.

Ongoing business

State Fair

Gov Wallace mentioned the State Fair is coming up sooner than we think. If 5CBA wants to enter exhibit, we need to decide by next (June) meeting. Main need is to have chair of State Fair committee for 5CBA. Individuals need to start deciding as well. Don Hopkins, NC Bee Inspector, will be at July 5CBA meeting to discuss fair, however he will need names/commitment by July 1st.

Hive Expansion Project (HIP)

Tim Huffman announced that things are progressing well with HIP. The next field day will be Saturday, June 4th to do the first split, then a follow-up visit the following week to check for and separate queen cells. Mite treatments using oxalic acid will also be scheduled. A discussion of feeding with sugar vs. corn syrup occurred. Tom Underhill also mentioned the possibility of liquid sugar.

5CBA Web Forum

Member Magnus Ullberg announced the addition of a 5CBA Web forum that has been linked from the Club Apiary and Members Only pages on the 5CBA.org web site. The forum was originally envisioned to

support the Hive Increase Project, but also has other categories where people can share stories from their apiaries, ask questions, etc. Currently the forum is private and available only to 5CBA Members. Members fill out an online registration form, which is checked against the 5CBA membership roster and then approved, typically within 24 hours.

New Business

5CBA Directory

David Arnold, 5CBA Secretary, announced that the 5CBA is creating a membership directory that will be placed in the Members area of the 5CBA.org web site. It will be an “opt-in” membership meaning individual members must agree to have their information listed. A place was added on the meeting sign in sheet for people to “opt-in” or “opt-out”.

Program

Honey Extraction Demo

Program Director Tim Huffman facilitated a honey extraction demo using the club’s extractor. Lane Kreitlow donated nine frames of honey for the demo. Many members and guests were able to get hands on experience with capping knife and extractor. Tim said to wait several days after extraction for air bubbles and wax to settle out, keeping honey in sealed container. After extracting honey, place honey supers back on hive for several days to allow bees to clean up frames.

Gov Wallace mentioned to borrow the club’s extractor you must be a 5CBA member and have watched the instructional video about how to use the extractor, which can be found on the web site.

Honey Labels

5CBA member Matthew Jones spoke about honey labels. He mentioned the honey labeling standards found on honey.com (National Honey Board). He said to be proud of how we keep our hives and extract our wonderful product, and try to portray that on your label. He also shared several horror stories of honey fraud.

NC Certified Honey Producer Program (CHP)

Kim Underhill, 5CBA Member and chairperson of the CHP committee, presented information on the program. She stated there are no federal labeling rules and challenged all beekeepers to become a NCSBA Certified Honey Producer, whose honey standard was created by Dr. Ambrose. Once approved, stickers are available to place on your honey to signify your honey meets NC CHP standards/guidelines.

Announcements and Door Prizes

The following announcements were made:

- Gov Wallace reminded members of the NCSBA Summer Meeting coming up in July 7 -9 in Hickory, NC.

- 5CBA merchandise. Orders for 5CBA hats, t-shirts, etc. placed during the March and April meetings were ordered by Kelly Allen but have not yet arrived. Hopefully they'll be available at the next meeting.
- Kim Underhill gave "shout out" to Lane Kreitlow for her Bee Buzz article on the 5CBA bee school and hive increase project. She also asked about any feedback from bee school.

Adjournment

Gov Wallace ended the meeting at 8:38 pm. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 7 PM.

Secretary

Date of approval