
5CBA Meeting Minutes – June 2016

Call to order

A meeting of the 5CBA was held at The Lodge at Bennett Bunn Plantation on Tuesday, June 21, 2016. Club Co-President Tim Huffman called meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

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

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

Approval of minutes

The May 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 5/31/16 was \$2,531.47.

Tip of the Month – Be sure honey buckets have air tight lids. New models now have a rim that attaches to bucket with a screw top.

Ongoing business

Certificate Presentation

Co-President Tim Huffman presented Mart Bumgarner and Greg Wolgemuth with their State Certified Beekeeper certificates.

5CBA Directory

David Arnold, 5CBA Secretary, showed a sample of the new 5CBA Directory and welcomed others to “opt-in” to the list. He mentioned that the directory will be added to the Members Only area of the 5CBA.org web site.

Hive Expansion Project (HIP)

Tim Huffman announced that three splits had been made thus far, with varying degrees of queen activity. It also was discussed that the Dallas hives, separate from the HIP, offered a unique opportunity to experiment with different feeds. Mike Alig made a **motion that the club allocate up to \$200 of club funds to be spent on feed for the Dallas hives as the HIP members see fit**. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ron Itini. Discussion was requested and ensued around logistics of types of feed,

55 gallon drums, etc. Suzy Spencer cautioned about temperature sensitivity of corn syrup. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

New Business

5CBA Permanent Nametags

Suzy Spencer made a **motion that the club spend up to \$100 to purchase permanent name tags and holders for club members and guests.** Mike Alig seconded the motion. Discussion by Suzy, Kelly Allen and Andrea Ullberg ensued regarding various types of tags (pins, magnets lanyards) and how to organize and distribute them. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Bugfest

Mart Bumgarner volunteered to chair the Bugfest committee. Dr. Ron Itlini agreed to be on the committee as well. Mart asked for other volunteers and ideas. Existing 5CBA exhibits were mentioned in case they could be of use. More information to follow.

Tim Huffman also mentioned that perhaps the theme could be repurposed, and expanded upon, and used for the State Fair. The club still needs a chair and two other committee members to head up the State Fair Committee.

Club Microphones

Mart Bumgarner made a **motion that the club spend up to \$350 for their own wireless microphones, to include a hand-held microphone and a lapel microphone.** Matthew Jones seconded the motion. Discussion was requested and Mike Alig asked if we had enough money; general consensus was that we did. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Program

Re-queening

Betsy Spencer, a long-time beekeeper and member of the Franklin County Beekeepers Assoc., gave a presentation on queen rearing techniques and tools. She emphasized that keeping track of dates and good notes are important. She mentioned the 5-year queen marking cycle (White, Yellow, Red, Green, Blue – What You Raise Green Bees?). She also said that older queens tended to swarm more often.

Announcements and Door Prizes

The following announcements were made:

- Tim Huffman announced that the State Beekeepers Conference will be held in Hickory July 7th through 9th. Suzy Spencer mentioned the block rates for hotel rooms ends June 23rd.

- It was mentioned that the Save the Bees state license plate is now available for anyone via the DMV web site.
- Door prize drawings were held.

Adjournment

Tim Huffman ended the meeting at 8:58 pm. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 7 PM.

Secretary

Date of approval