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# 5CBA Meeting Minutes – February 2017

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## Call to order

A meeting of the 5CBA was held at The Lodge at Bennett Bunn Plantation on Tuesday, February 21, 2017. Club Co-President Tim Huffam called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Tim Huffman asked if there were any guests, and had them introduce themselves. Tim also welcomed new 5CBA members who recently joined because of 5CBA Bee School.

## Approval of minutes

The January 2017 minutes, as posted on web site, were approved by general consensus.

## Reports

**Treasurer's Report** – Suzy Spencer, 5CBA Treasurer: 5CBA bank balance as of 1/31/17 was \$2,473.42.

## Ongoing business

### 5CBA Bee School

Lane Kreitlow and Suzy Spencer gave the following updates regarding the 5CBA bee school which was held on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 5CBA school a success. Lane organized all presentations into PowerPoint format and provided booklet to all attendees with all slides.
- 25 attendees
- Offered food (coffee, doughnuts, lunch and snacks) for the first time
- Thanks to speakers, to club members who helped with food (lunch provided by Kelly and Jerry Allen) and those who helped with set up and break down.

## **New Audio (PA) Equipment**

The audio equipment, particularly the amplifier, at The Lodge has been unreliable for quite a while. The EC has had numerous discussions over the need to have our own equipment that could be used at The Lodge and at other outside events.

**A motion was made by Ed Paris to spend up to \$1,200 for the Peavey Escort 6000 Channel PA System.** Motion was seconded by C.L. Gobble. Discussion was requested, and ensued primarily around the need to invest that much money and if the club needed their own system. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

## **Web Site Domain Renewal, Hosting and Monthly Usage Fees**

The Web site domain and hosting contract will expire soon. Based on the recommendation of the Web site committee (Dianne Saunders, Magnus Ulberg and Julia Harrell), **David Arnold made a motion to spend up to \$210 in 2017, and annually thereafter, on renewing the Web site domain name, site hosting and site usage fees.** The motion was seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

## **Questions for April Program**

Tim announced that the April program will feature a Q&A session and requested that people email any questions they have to [info@5cba.org](mailto:info@5cba.org).

## **This Month in the Bee Yard**

- David Arnold announced that the club will begin using PowerPoint slides for this feature and that the information would be loaded in the Member Forum for future reference.
- David briefly ran through In the Bee Yard Slides for February and March.

## **Program**

### **Honey Bee Democracy and Bait Hives – C.L. Gobble**

5CBA member C.L. Gobble gave a presentation on how bees choose a new home after swarming. This information was based on the Thomas Seeley book *"Honeybee Democracy"*. C.L. also shared the techniques he has successfully used in building, outfitting and placing bait hives/swarm traps in order to catch swarms.

## **Announcements and Door Prizes**

The following announcements were made:

- Swarm list. A swarm list was placed at check-in table for anyone interested in being added.
- The date for the 5CBA picnic will be Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. This will also include an equipment exchange session. More details to follow.
- NCSBA & SCBA meeting is March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in Rock Hill, SC.
- We are looking for pictures for the new Web site. Post in forum for Web site committee members to retrieve.
- If any members want to be added to the Hive Increase project (HIP) email list, contact Tim Huffman.
- Bayer is looking for volunteers to place scales on hives for research.
- Door prize drawings were held.

## Adjournment

Tim Huffman ended the meeting at approximately 8:50pm. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7 PM.

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Secretary

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Date of approval