
5CBA Meeting Minutes – April 2017

Call to order

A meeting of the 5CBA was held at The Lodge at Bennett Bunn Plantation on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. Club Co-President Tim Huffman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Tim asked if there were any guests, and had them introduce themselves.

Approval of minutes

The March 2017 minutes had not been posted on the Web site, therefore their approval will be carried forward to next meeting.

Reports

Treasurer's Report – In Suzy's absence, 5CBA Secretary David Arnold presented the Treasurer's report. 5CBA bank balance as of 3/31/17 was \$2,030.46. This includes payment of \$1,073.85 for the audio equipment, which came in under budget. David also thanked Ed Paris for donating speaker cables.

Ongoing business

Hive Increase Project (HIP)

Tim gave an update on the HIP including number of hives currently viable in project, including their configuration, and mentioned some of the main tasks recently performed.

Candace Alvarez, the primary record keeper (and new beekeeper), gave a brief testimonial on the positive impact being a part of the HIP has made on her.

Tim Huffman explained that additional equipment is needed for the club-sponsored HIP hives through the end of the year.

A motion was made by Greg Wolgemuth that the club spend up to \$260 on equipment for the club-sponsored HIP hives through the end of the year. Motion was seconded by Mike Hudyma. Discussion was requested, however there was none. **Motion carried by show of hands.**

Hive Scale Research Project

Annie Krueger, Research Associate, Pollinator Safety, with Bayer U.S. Crop Science, gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the hive scale research project, illustrating how they are now dividing hives into tiers based on weight. She plans to send weekly updates to participants. She thanked the many 5CBA members that are participating in the project.

NC State Fair Exhibit

Greg Wolgemuth volunteered to again head up the 5CBA exhibit for the State Fair. Anyone interested in helping should contact him. More information to follow.

This Month in the Bee Yard

- PowerPoint slides for This Month in the Bee Yard were projected on large TV with Tim Huffman commenting on slides.

Program

Q & A with Adolphus Leonard

Greg Wolgemuth moderated a question and answer session with state bee inspector Adolphus Leonard. Questions provided ahead of time were shown via a PowerPoint presentation. Additional questions from audience were posed. At the end, Adolphus had some questions for the audience as well.

Announcements and Door Prizes

The following announcements were made:

- NCSBA Cookbooks. The NCSBA cookbook project was announced and another signup sheet was passed around.
- The club is looking for volunteers to create a Club Scrapbook. Contact Tim Huffman if interested.
- 5CBA Spring Picnic. The picnic, held on April 9th, was discussed and was an apparent success. Tim also explained how the bee race worked.
- If any members want to be added to the Hive Increase project (HIP) email list, contact Tim Huffman.

- Tim Huffman brought up the idea of Beekeepers on Bikes, for people who have a motorcycle and are interested in mentoring and/or beekeeping outreach.
- Door prize drawings were held, with Caroline Arnold choosing the winning numbers.

Adjournment

Tim Huffman ended the meeting at 8:35 pm. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 7 PM.

Secretary

Date of approval