
5CBA Meeting Minutes – May 2017

Call to order

A meeting of the 5CBA was held at The Lodge at Bennett Bunn Plantation on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. Club Co-President Tim Huffman called the meeting to order at 7:02 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, as posted on web site, were approved by general consensus.

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Reports

Treasurer's Report – In Suzy's absence, 5CBA Secretary David Arnold presented the Treasurer's report. 5CBA ledger balance as of 4/30/17 was \$2,064.01. This includes \$129.56 net proceeds from picnic.

Ongoing business

NCSBA 100th Anniversary Cookbook Preorder

David Arnold brought up the fact that only 10 cookbooks were initially approved for the club to preorder, however there have been preorders for 25 cookbooks from club members.

A motion was made by David Arnold that the club purchase 25 cookbooks, or however many are preordered if more are ordered by deadline tomorrow. Motion was seconded. Discussion was requested. During discussion, it was decided the club should commit to 30 total, with the extra cookbooks being used at the club's discretion. Ideas were they could be sold to other members or used as future door prizes. **Motion was amended that the club purchase 30 cookbooks. Motion carried by show of hands.**

NCSBA Born and Bred Workshop

David Arnold gave a brief overview of the NCSBA Born and Bred queen rearing workshop that was held in Greenville, NC on May 6th. Four club members were present (Suzy Spencer, Darryl Gabritsch, Todd Prince and David Arnold). Two other members (Lane Kreitlow and Matthew Jones) are planning to

attend the Statesville workshop. It was decided an agenda item should be added to the next EC meeting to explore interest and feasibility of the club helping support a queen rearing initiative based on the Born and Bred program.

NCSBA Summer Conference

- Tim announced the NCSBA Summer Conference will be in Winston Salem July 13th – 15th. He recommended people sign up and reserve rooms as soon as possible.
- Bee Bowl. It was decided that 5CBA should try to field a Bee Bowl team. Lane Kreitlow agreed to contact NCSBA to try to reserve spot for 5CBA. Darryl Gabristch would like to be on the three-person team. The other two team members are undecided.

Hive Increase Project (HIP)

Tim gave an update on the HIP project, mentioning some of the tasks recently performed. Currently there are 11 hives, including two triple deeps. Summaries are being posted on the forum.

It was also brought up that the final project overview would need to be submitted by June 21st to meet the Bee Buzz deadline.

If any members want to be added to the Hive Increase project (HIP) email list, contact Tim Huffman.

This Month in the Bee Yard

- Since we were outside on the porch for the honey extraction demonstration, the PowerPoint slides for This Month in the Bee Yard were not projected on the TV. However, Tim Huffman did review slide printout with the club.

Program

Honey Extraction Demonstration

Tim Huffman coordinated a honey extraction demonstration using the club extractor that members can borrow. Nine frames were extracted by various club members who wanted to learn how to extract honey.

Note: After meeting, David and Tim had the following comments on how to improve the demo next year:

- Set up extractor in center of room to allow better viewing.
- Have extra lighting as is started to get dark towards the end of the demonstration.

- Demonstrate refractometer as well, and possibly discuss NCSBA Certified Honey Producer program.

Announcements and Door Prizes

The following announcements were made:

- The club is looking for volunteers to create a Club Scrapbook. Contact Tim Huffman if interested.
- David Arnold announced an upcoming seminar (he was made aware of by Ray Hunt), on Natural Beekeeping by Michael Bush in Smithfield (Johnston County Ag Center Auditorium) on October 14, 20-17 from 9AM – 5PM.
- Knightdale Market “Bees and Blooming” will be June 10th from 10AM – 2PM. David Arnold is trying to organize participation by 5CBA.
- Door prize drawings were held.

Adjournment

Tim Huffman ended the meeting at 8:45 pm. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 7 PM.

Secretary

Date of approval